# Child Care Development Fund Voucher Program

Policy and Procedure Manual

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### **CCDF MANUAL KEY**

### **DEFINITIONS**

All definitions pertaining to the CCDF Voucher Program can be found in <u>Section</u> <u>Definitions and Acronyms</u>, as well as, within the manual text boxed in this format.



### **CCDF POLICY**

All CCDF Policies are marked with by the image to the left.

# CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT FUND (CCDF) POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL

### INTRODUCTION

### PURPOSE OF THIS MANUAL

The purpose of this manual is to provide CCDF Intake Agents with policies, procedures and guidelines to follow as they facilitate eligibility and authorization services to prospective CCDF Households.

### **CCDF INTRODUCTION**

The Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) was authorized by Congress through the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services, by amending the Child Care and Development Block Grant regulations at 45 CFR Part 98. Section 103 (c) of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PRWORA) repealed the child care programs authorized under Title IV-A of the Social Security Act – Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) Child Care, Transitional Child Care, and At-Risk Child Care. In addition, PRWORA amended Section 418 of the Social Security Act to provide new federal child care funds and to transfer them to a "Lead Agency" under the amended Child Care and Development Block Grant Act.

In Indiana, the lead agency for the CCDF funding is the Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA), Division of Family Resources (DFR).

The DFR develops and implements policies and procedures for the administration of the grant funds. The CCDF State Plan outlines parameters for both local and state levels and includes program outcomes, systems development, and eligibility requirements.

### CCDF GOALS AND PURPOSES

CCDF direct service dollars are to provide financial assistance to eligible TANF and low-income families in need of child care. Parents can choose from available licensed or legally license-exempt child care. Types of care might include: center-based care, school-age care, in-home care, relative care, and sectarian child care. All child care providers must meet applicable federal, state and local requirements including CCDF Provider Eligibility Standards.

Section 98.1 of the CCDF Final Rules outlines the goals and purposes of the fund, as follows:

### THE GOALS ARE TO:

- ❖ allow the state maximum flexibility in developing child care programs and policies to best suit the needs of the children and parents within the state;
- promote parental choice to empower working parents to make their own decisions on the child care that best suits their family's needs;
- provide consumer education information to assist parents in making informed child care choices;
- assist parents with child care who are trying to achieve independence from public assistance; and
- \* assist in implementing the health, safety, licensing, and registration standards established by state regulations.

### THE PURPOSES ARE TO:

- increase the availability, affordability, and quality of child care services;
- provide low income families with the financial resources to locate and afford quality child care for their children;
- enhance the quality and increase the supply of child care for all families, including those who receive no direct assistance under the CCDF:
- provide parents with a range of options in addressing their child care needs;
- strengthen the role of the family;
- improve the quality of, and coordination among, child care programs and early childhood development programs; and
- increase the availability of early childhood development and before- and after- school-age care.

### **RESTRICTION OF FUNDS**

### **CCDF Direct Service Funds** cannot be used for:

- 1. The non-federal share (match) for other Federal grant programs;
- 2. The purchase or improvement of land, or for the purchase, construction, or permanent improvement of any building or facility;
- 3. Grants or contracts reimbursement for any sectarian purpose or activity, including sectarian worship or instruction;
- 4. Supplementing program support;
- 5. Supplementing quality initiatives; and
- 6. Tuition. Funds may not be expended for students enrolled in grades one through twelve for:
  - a) Any service provided to such students during the regular school day;
  - b) Any service for which such students receive academic credit toward graduation; or
  - c) Any instructional services that supplant or duplicate the academic program of any public or private school.

### INTAKE PLANNING PROCESS

To maximize CCDF benefits to families, the CCDF Intake should coordinate and collaborate with local community partners, including but not limited to, the Local Office of the Division of Family Resources (DFR), the local IMPACT Service Provider, child care providers, public schools, Head Start, Early Head Start, Healthy Families, other early intervention programs for infants and toddlers, county health departments, WIC programs, maternal and child health programs, and mental health centers. To ensure coordination and communication, the Intake must enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the following groups:

- 1. The CCRR for each county receiving services within a region describing services offered to: families seeking providers, providers seeking consumer and educational materials and opportunities; and
- 2. There may be a need for additional MOU's between the Intake Agent and other service providers.

These MOU's are to be updated when community partners change. The original MOU should be kept locally with a copy sent to the county CCDF Policy Consultant at the BCC.

The state contracts the administration of CCDF eligibility to a local Intake Agent. Selection of the Intake Agent encompasses a public RFF process. The selected Intake Agency is supported through Web-Based Eligibility Software which operates according to CCDF policy and procedures.

### **CCDF CHILD CARE SYSTEM**

### U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Issues federal regulations and collects data

### INDIANA FAMILY AND SOCIAL SERVICE ADMINISTRATION

Lead agency for CCDF administration

### DIVISION OF FAMILY RESOURCES / BUREAU OF CHILD CARE

Issues program policies & procedures, as well as, monitors contracts, and collects data.

Develops and evaluates the CCDF State Plan and is accountable for administration of funds.

Assists, inspects and licenses or registers regulated child care providers.

### CENTRAL REIMBURSEMENT OFFICE (CRO)

Administers funds according to state and federal guidelines Pays provider claims

### CCDF COUNTY PARTNERS

### **CCRR**

Assists parents in finding child care, recruits and trains child care providers.

### INTAKE AGENT

Contracts with State to enroll families in accordance with state and federal regulations

# LOCAL DFR & IMPACT Service Provider

Directs TANF referrals to Intake Agent, participates in the evaluation of county services

### PROVIDER ELIGIBILITY SPECIALIST

Assists, inspects, and certifies legally-license exempt childcare providers as CCDF eligible

### **FAMILIES**

Low-income families are assisted with child care expenses, benefits from services such as Child Care Resource and Referral (CCRR), and education opportunities

### **PROVIDERS**

Legally operating and certified to meet minimum health and safety standards

Provide quality child care to families

# DEFINITIONS & ACRONYMS

### **DEFINITIONS**

### ACCREDITATION

A voluntary system which evaluates child care programs against specific criteria in areas of curriculum, health and safety, parent communication, and staff qualifications which has been validated by a nationally recognized early childhood organization or institution.

### **ACSI ACCREDITATION**

A voluntary, nationally recognized accreditation system for child care programs. It is authorized and validated by the American Christ Schools International (ACSI).

### **ACTIVE APPLICANT**

An Active Applicant is an Applicant whose Eligible Child is currently authorized for CCDF subsidy.

### **ADULT**

An individual who is age 18 or older.

### ADVERSE ACTION

Adverse action is an action toward an Applicant or Co-Applicant that includes denial of services, the potential termination or services, increase in co-payment or reduction in services. CCDF Applicant/Co-Applicant and CCDF Eligible Providers must be notified at least ten (10) calendar days before an Adverse Action can be imposed.

### AGE CATEGORY

A category by age; infants (0-11 months), toddlers (12-35 months), three years through five years, kindergarten, and school-age.

### AGREEMENT CENTER

A designated child care facility who has entered into an agreement with the Indiana Family and Social Service Administration, Division of Family Resources to administer quality child care for low income families under the Child Care Development Fund.

### **AMERICORPS**

AmeriCorps is a federally funded network of partnerships with local and national non-profit groups which utilize public service to address critical needs in the community.

### **APPEAL**

The right to request a hearing or administrative review as a result of an adverse action.

### APPLICANT / CO-APPLICANT

A person who is applying for services on behalf of the child(ren) for which they have physical custody. The Applicant must be a person related to the eligible child by blood or law, or is a person standing *in loco parentis* (in the place of a parent). The Applicant and must be age eighteen (18) unless the Applicant is married, an emancipated minor, or a minor parent.

### APPLICANT JOB SEARCH (AJS)

The participation of a TANF applicant in required job search activities until their TANF Impact eligibility case has been authorized.

### APPLICATION COMPLETION DATE

The date the application authorization is complete and the Intake Agent has signed and dated the application (State Form 805).

### APPROVED LEAVE

An approved temporary lapse in service need, during which child care is not needed yet eligibility is maintained.

### **ATTENDANCE**

An electronic or written record of child care provided which includes date and time of arrival and departure and has been verified by the Applicant, Co-Applicant or their representative (excluding their child care provider) for an identified period.

### ATTENDING EDUCATIONAL/TRAINING PROGRAM

One is "attending" an educational or training program when participation occurs inside or outside of the home through an accredited or certified post-secondary training organization or institution. One may also be "attending" an educational program when participation occurs outside of the home through an accredited or certified secondary training organization or institution.

### AUTHORIZATION

Authorization is the process by which subsidy is determined for a CCDF Eligible Provider after information is obtained to document a CCDF Household's eligibility.

### **AUTHORIZATION CATEGORIES**

The method used to apply fees: hourly, daily, or full-time weekly

### BREAK CARE VOUCHER

A document which states the authorized subsidy for school-age child care services for a specific eligible child during a break in school which is greater than one week, including: CCDF eligible provider, begin date, end date, and dollar amount. Multiple vouchers within a subsidy begin and subsidy end date may be created to facilitate flexibility.

### **CCDF ELIGIBLE PROVIDER**

CCDF Eligible Provider is defined as a provider, either licensed or exempt from being licensed by law, who has met all applicable CCDF Provider Eligibility Standard and has completed the application process. This includes: licensed center, facilities and homes, unlicensed registered day care ministries, legally license-exempt child care facilities and home, relative care (grandparent, great grandparent, aunt and/or uncle of the eligible child), and nanny care.

### CCDF HOUSEHOLD (FAMILY)

A CCDF Household is one or more custodial adults and children related by blood or law, or other person standing in loco parentis, residing in the same CCDF Household. Where custodial adults over the age of 18 (other than spouses or biological parents of the children needing services) reside together, each is considered a separate CCDF Household. Wards of the Local Office of the Department of Child Services (DCS), foster children on Title IV-E, are the legal responsibility of DCS and not the CCDF Household which the child has been placed. Note: A marriage between persons of the same gender is void in Indiana even if the marriage is lawful in the place where it is solemnized. (IC 31-11-1-1(b)), however, persons of the same gender may become foster or adoptive parents of a children and both are considered Applicants.

### **CCDF REIMBURSEMENT RATE**

CCDF Reimbursement Rates are county maximum reimbursement rates for child care by age category and provider type determined through a local CCDF Reimbursement Rate Survey of Indiana's licensed child care providers.

### CENTER-BASED CHILD CARE

A provider licensed to provide child care services where at least one child is cared for in a nonresidential structure.

### CENTRAL REIMBURSEMENT OFFICE (CRO)

An entity which validates and processes claims from CCDF Eligible Providers.

### CHECK-IN / CHECK -OUT

The term to describe the process of electronically documenting a child's attendance through the use of a Point of Service (POS) device.

### CHILD

An individual who is under the age of eighteen (18).

### **CHILD CARE SUBSIDY**

Child care subsidy is defined as the maximum child care reimbursement less applicable co-payment.

### CHILD WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

A child who is enrolled in one or more of the following programs:

- Children with Special Health Care Services;
- First Steps Early Intervention System;
- Public School Special Education;
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI); or
- Child who attends Head Start and has been professionally diagnosed with a disability

### CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT FUND (CCDF)

The CCDF program was authorized by Congress through the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant. The purpose of the CCDF program is to have one single, integrated child care funding system to assist low-income families through subsidized child care and to increase the availability and quality of child care services.

### CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE CREDENTIAL (CDA)

A competency-based certification for individual child care providers awarded through the Council of Early Childhood Professional Recognition.

### CITIZEN

A person who is a citizen of the United States or a qualified alien.

### **CO-PAYMENT**

A co-payment is defined as a weekly fee for child care based on the CCDF Household's Income exceeding 100% of the federal poverty guidelines and their year of CCDF participation utilizing the Division of Family Resources Child Care Income Eligibility Determination and Sliding Fee Scale.

### **COUNCIL ON ACCREDITATION**

A voluntary, nationally recognized accreditation system for early childhood centers and after-school programs. It is authorized and validated by the National Early Childhood Program Accreditation Commission.

### **CURRENT**

A previous thirty (30) day period which may include Applicant or Co-Applicant signature date on State Form 805 or Parent Worksheet unless otherwise stated.

### **DAILY CARE**

Daily care is defined as four (4) hours or more for non-school age and school-age other care and three (3) hours or more for school-age children during the school year.

### DATE OF APPLICATION

The date the State Form 805 application or parent worksheet (reauthorization or updates only) has been signed and dated by the Applicant or Co-Applicant.

### DECLARATION

A method of verification which does not require documentation.

### DIRECT SERVICES

CCDF funding component issued as vouchers for child care services or contracted with certain child care center providers for child care services.

### **EDUCATIONAL TERM**

For educational programs with single course terms for full-time students or no identified course being or end dates, each semester or term shall be counted by 16 week intervals.

### EDUCATION/TRAINING PROGRAM

A service need of Education/Training is established when an Applicant or Co-Applicant provide proof of participation in a certified or accredited education/training organization or institution occurring inside or outside of the home, unless otherwise indicated.

### **ELIGIBLE CHILD**

A recipient of CCDF subsidy.

### EMANCIPATED MINOR

A married minor or a minor residing apart from their parents and financially independent with parental consent, or affirmed by legal action.

### EMPLOYMENT (WORKING)

Employment is established when an Applicant or Co-Applicant provides proof of monetary compensation for labor or services performed for another person or organization which constitutes their usual means of livelihood.

### ENROLLMENT YEAR

A period of twelve (12) consecutive months for which a child is enrolled without a lapse of more than ninety (90) days.

### ESCROW FUNDS

Accumulated CCDF funds to allow the addition of a child(ren) to the CCDF program.

### **EXEMPT INCOME**

For purposes of CCDF eligibility, exempt income is defined as income received for limited use excluding child care, income received as reimbursements for expenses paid, income previously counted, and income received by a non-custodial adult. Exempt income includes, but is not limited to, food stamps, housing assistance, travel reimbursement, tax refunds/stimulus, foster care per diem, adoption assistance, and deductions for advance pay.

### FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME PROVIDER

An individual who provides child care services in a residential structure other than the child's residence.

### FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL

Guidelines issued by Health and Human Services by the number in the family unit and income level to determine whether a person or family is financially eligible for assistance or services under a particular Federal program. These guidelines are based on poverty thresholds used by the Bureau of Census to prepare its statistical estimates of the number of persons / families in poverty. The poverty guidelines are adjusted each year to account for the last calendar year's increase in prices as measured by the Consumer Price Index.

### FINANCIAL NEED

A CCDF Household with current gross monthly income from all countable sources which falls below established Federal Poverty Guidelines.

### FOSTER PARENT

An individual who provides care and supervision as a substitute family on a 24-hour basis to a child who is deemed a ward of the local Office of the Department of Child Services. A foster parent, with the appropriate verification, may be considered a valid Applicant for enrollment of the foster child to the CCDF program. When foster parents are of the same gender, both are considered Applicants.

### **FOSTER CARE PER DIEM**

The daily maintenance payment to a foster parent for the care of a child who is deemed a ward of the local Office of Department of Child Services.

### **FULL-TIME WEEKLY**

Full-Time Weekly is defined as care provided for 25 hours or more per week. Sunday through Saturday, for non-school age children or school-age children when school is not in session or when care is required during non-traditional hours. For school-age children, when school is in session, full-time weekly is defined as fifteen (15) hours or more per week Sunday through Saturday.

### GROSS CCDF HOUSEHOLD INCOME

For purposes of CCDF eligibility, gross CCDF household income is defined as total income from all countable sources prior to taxes and after qualifying deductions received by each identified CCDF Household Member in the current period.

### **HOLIDAYS**

Holidays are defined as a provider's six (6) chosen dates of closure per calendar year for which the child's attendance is credited as documented on the child's CCDF voucher.

### HOME SCHOOLING

Schooling provided for children eligible to receive public education in the child's home or other facility not recognized by the Department of Education.

### HOOSIER WORKS FOR CHILD CARE CARD

A card with a magnetic strip used to electronically document a child's attendance at a CCDF eligible provider. This card is issued by the Intake Office when an Applicant or Co-Applicant is authorized to receive CCDF subsidy.

### INCAPACITATED APPLICANT / CO-APPLICANT

Incapacitated is defined as an Applicant or Co-Applicant who has a medical condition that prevents him/her from participating in their service need and is unable to care for their child(ren), as verified by a doctor's statement. This condition may be permanent or temporary. Temporary may not exceed thirteen (13) weeks.

### INFANT/TODDLER PROGRAM

Center or home-based care for newborn through 36-month-old children.

### INTAKE AGENT

An entity which is, by contract, obligated to perform CCDF intake and eligibility functions according to state guidelines. These functions include, but are not limited to: verifying service need, verifying financial need, accurately enrolling a child with a CCDF eligible provider according to the CCDF Household's needs, performing authorizations as needed, and reporting suspected fraud.

### JOB SEARCH

Activities conducted inside or outside the home to obtain employment which may include, but are not limited to; employment workshops, job fairs/clubs, research, face-to-face contact with potential employers, job interviews, completing and following up on job applications, registering for work at an employment agency, completing pre-employment requirement and job testing.

### LEGALLY LICENSE-EXEMPT FACILITY

The following are exempt from licensure per IC 12-17-.2-2-8.

- 1. A program for children enrolled in grade kindergarten through 12 that is operated by the Department of Education or a public or private school.
- 2. A program for children who become at least three years of age as of December 1 of a particular school year (as defined in IC 20-10.1-2-1) that is operated by the Department of Education or a public or private school.
- 3. A nonresidential program for a child that provides child care for less than four hours a day.
- 4. A recreation program for children that operates for not more than 90 days in a calendar year.
- 5. A program whose primary purpose is to provide social, recreational, or religious activities for school age children, such as scouting, boys club, girls club, sports, or the arts.
- 6. A program operated to serve migrant children that:
  - a) provides services for children from migrant worker families; and
  - b) is operated during a single period of less than 120 consecutive days during a calendar year.
- 7. A child care ministry registered under IC 12-17.2-6.
- 8. A child care program operated by a public or private secondary school that:
- 9. Provides day care on the school premises for children of a student or an employee of the school;
  - a) complies with health, safety, and sanitation standards as determined by the division under IC 12-17.2-2-4 for child care centers or in accordance with a variance or waiver of a rule

- governing child care centers approved by the division, under IC 12-17.2-2-10; and
- b) substantially complies with the fire and life safety rules as determined by the state fire marshal under rules adopted by the division under IC 12-17.2-2-4 for child care centers or in accordance with a variance or waiver of a rule governing child care centers approved by the division under IC 12-17.2-2-10.

### LEGALLY LICENSE-EXEMPT PROVIDER

- 1. A program for children enrolled in grade kindergarten through 12 that is operated by the Department of Education or a public or private school.
- 2. A program for children who become at least three years of age as of December 1 of a particular school year (as defined in IC 20-10.1-2-1) that is operated by the Department of Education or a public or private school.
- 3. A nonresidential program for a child that provides child care for less than four hours a day.
- 4. A recreation program for children that operate for not more than 90 days in a calendar year.
- 5. A program whose primary purpose is to provide social, recreational, or religious activities for school age children, such as scouting, boys club, girls club, sports, or the arts.
- 6. A program operated to serve migrant children that:
  - a) provides services for children from migrant worker families; and
  - b) is operated during a single period of less than 120 consecutive days during a calendar year.
- 7. A child care ministry registered under IC 12-17.2-6
- 8. A child care program operated by a public or private secondary school that:
  - a) provides day care on the school premises for children of a student or an employee of the school;
  - b) complies with health, safety, and sanitation standards as determined by the division under IC 12-17.2-2-4 for child care centers or in accordance with a variance or waiver of a rule governing child care centers approved by the division, under IC 12-17.2-2-10; and
  - c) substantially complies with the fire and life safety rules as determined by the state fire marshal under rules adopted by the division under IC 12-17.2-2-4 for child care centers or in accordance with a variance or waiver of a rule governing child care centers approved by the division under IC 12-17.2-2-10.
- 9. A child care home if the provider:
  - a) does not receive regular compensation:
  - b) cares only for children who are related to the provider
  - c) cares for less than six children, not including children for whom the provider is a parent, step-parent, guardian, custodian, or other relative (see next page for definition); or
  - d) operates to serve migrant children.

Related for purposes of IC 12-17.2 and IC 12-17.4 means any of the following relationships to an individual who is less than 18 years of age by marriage, blood, or adoption:

1. Parent 7. Step-brother
2. Grandparent 8. Step-sister
3. Brother 9. First cousin
4. Sister 10. Uncle

5. Stepparent6. Step-grandparent11. Aunt

### LICENSED PROVIDER

A provider meeting the legal requirements of the state to provide child care services and has been issued a license by the Division of Family Resources to operate a child care facility or home.

### **LUMP SUM**

Lump Sum Payments is money paid through life insurance, inheritances, lawsuit settlements, gambling/lottery winnings, severance payments from previous employer, retention bonuses from current employer, annual employment bonuses, etc. are to be annualized, unless otherwise stated.

### MEDICALLY FRAGILE CHILD

A child characterized by the use of a particular medical device which compensates for the loss of the use of a body function and who requires substantial and complex daily care to avert death or further disability.

### MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

A written agreement between two or more parties which defines the roles and responsibilities of all parties.

### MINOR PARENT

A parent who is under the age of eighteen (18).

### NATIONAL AFTER-SCHOOL ACCREDITATION

A voluntary, nationally recognized accreditation system for after-school programs. It is authorized and validated by the National After-School Association (NAA)

### NAEYC ACCREDITATION

A voluntary, nationally recognized accreditation system for all types of early childhood centers and schools. It is authorized and validated by the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs, a division of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

### NAFCC ACCREDITATION

A voluntary, nationally recognized accreditation system for family child care homes. It is authorized and validated by the National Association of Family Child Care (NAFCC).

### NANNY CHILD CARE (IN-HOME CARE BY A NON-RELATIVE)

Nanny care is defined as child care services provided by an individual over eighteen (18) years of age who comes into the child's own home and does not reside at the child's address.

### **NECPAC ACCREDITATION**

A voluntary, nationally recognized accreditation system for early childhood centers. It is authorized and validated by the National Early Childhood Program Accreditation Commission.

### **NEW APPLICANT**

New applicant is an individual applying for services who has not participated in the CCDF program for the previous 90 days.

### NON-PERMANENT EMPLOYEE

A non-permanent employee is defined as an employee who is knowingly hired to perform services for less than twelve (12) consecutive months, i.e. Secondary School Employee, Head Start Employee, etc.

### NON-TRADITIONAL CARE

Care provided outside Monday through Friday, 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and sick child care.

### **ON-THE-JOB TRAINING**

On-The-Job Training is defined as an employee completing unpaid training at their place of work while he or she is doing the actual employment activity.

### **OVERAGE**

An overage is defined as the portion of a provider's charges which exceed the applicable county CCDF Reimbursement Rate and may be charged to the Applicant and Co-Applicant.

### PAY CYCLE

A pay cycle is inclusive of four (4) pay stubs if paid weekly or two (2) stubs if paid bi-weekly or semi-monthly.

### PARTIAL PAY CYCLE

A partial pay cycle is income documentation which does not represent an entire pay cycle. In example, less than four (4) pay stubs if paid weekly or two (2) pay stubs if paid bi-weekly or semi-monthly.

### PATHS TO QUALITY (PTQ)

Paths to QUALITY is a system where each level builds on the foundation of the previous one, resulting in significant quality improvements at each stage and national accreditation at the highest level. The system validates programs and providers for ongoing efforts to achieve higher standards of quality and provides incentives and awards for success.

### PERSONAL/ABSENT DAYS

Twenty (20) days an Applicant or Co-Applicant may use for a child's absence per enrollment year. Personal or absent days are provided to children who are enrolled on a full-time weekly basis. These days may be used at the Applicant or Co-Applicant's discretion for days when the provider was open for business, and the child was scheduled to attend, but did not attend any part of the day.

### PENDING PROVIDER

A provider assignment used to obligate funding without payment.

### PHYSICAL CUSTODY

A child who resides and is receiving care and supervision from the Applicant.

### PIN NUMBER

A four-digit number, chosen by a parent, to serve in place of their signature when documenting attendance electronically.

### POINT OF SERVICE (POS) DEVICE

A machine issued to a CCDF eligible provider which is used to electronically document the eligible child(ren)'s attendance at the facility and generate reports.

### POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

Post-Secondary Education is education provided by an institution beyond a High School.

### PREVIOUS CHECK-IN/CHECK-OUT

The term to describe the process of documenting a child's attendance through the use of a Point of Service (POS) device for a prior day.

### PROGRAM ABUSE

Program abuse is defined as any false reporting of fact or information, providing false documentation or the omission of facts by the Applicant or Co-Applicant.

### **PROTECTIVE SERVICES**

Services provided by an established agency or organization to protect children or persons at risk of abuse/neglect or exploitation. May also be referred to as CPS (Child Protective Services). Income eligibility and fee requirements may be waived.

### **PROVIDER**

An individual, eighteen (18) years of age or older, who is responsible for the direct care, protection, and supervision of children in the absence of their custodial adult.

### PROVIDER CATEGORIES

Types of child care settings such as center-based, child care home, and in-home care.

### **QUALIFIED ALIEN**

An alien who is lawfully admitted for permanent residence under the Immigration and Nationality Act; an alien granted asylum under this Act; a refugee admitted under this Act; an alien who is paroled into the U.S. for a period of a year; an alien whose deportation is being withheld under the Act; and/or an alien granted conditional entry pursuant to the Act. Documentation must state permanent resident or resident alien.

### RACE

A major division of human beings, whose members are regarded as having a common ancestry and similar physical traits.

### REAUTHORIZATION

Reauthorization is the process by which information is obtained to document an Applicant and Co-Applicant's CCDF eligibility. The Intake Agent may complete this through face-to-face interview, mail or other acceptable means.

### RESIDENT

A person who lives in the county in Indiana where they are applying or receiving assistance. This can include a person temporarily residing in a domestic or homeless shelter. Also included are legal (qualified) aliens. There is no minimum length of time a client must reside in Indiana.

### **RELATIVE CARE**

An individual provider who resides in the child's home and is a grandparent, great-grandparent, aunt or uncle of the eligible child.

### RECIPIENT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (RID)

The RID number is a unique identifying number assigned to a recipient of State benefits and their household members who may or may not be recipients.

### SCHOOL-AGE CARE

School-Age care is defined as child care provided to children attending school for the entire day needing before and after school care during traditional hours, including children attending all day Kindergarten.

### SCHOOL-AGE OTHER

School-age other care is defined as child care provided for a break in school which is greater than one (1) week, for care provided outside of Monday through Friday 6:00 am -6:00 pm and care provided to sick children.

### SECONDARY EDUCATION

Secondary Education is defined as enrollment in an elementary, middle, junior or senior high school program, excluding those students being home schooled or participating in distance learning.

### SELF DECLARED

An Applicant and/or Co-Applicant method of verification which does not require documentation.

### SELF EMPLOYMENT

A service need of self-employment is established when an Applicant and/or Co-Applicant provides proof of revenue, unless self-employment participation is fewer than eight (8) weeks, directly from their own business, trade or profession which may take place in or out of the home.

### SERVICE NEED

A Service Need is established when each Applicant and Co-Applicant living in the home with a eligible child(ren) can demonstrate the need for child care by providing proof of participation in one or more of the following: employment activities, education and training activities or Child Protective Services.

### SHIFT CARE

A provider may decide to offer child care services during several shifts of a 24-hour day. However, CCDF children are to be assigned, according to their service needs, to one of two 12-hour shifts (6pm to 6am or 6am to 6pm or other shift defined and approved by BCC). The provider may not enroll more than their licensed capacity during either 12-hour shift. A child who needs care that would overlap during these shifts shall be assigned to **both** shifts.

### SINGLE APPLICANT

A single Applicant is an individual who is raising a child in a CCDF Household without a Co-Applicant.

### **STATE FORM 805**

A termed used to describe an application for CCDF services.

### STATEMENT OF SERVICES (SOS)

Statement of Services (SOS) form is the form used by the child care provider to request a payment correction when a weekly payment was incomplete or incorrect. This form is used for the shortage of a weekly, daily or hourly payment indicating the day, time in and time out for a child in care during a specific week.

### **SUBGRANTEE**

A provider of services who contracts with the Family and Social Service Administration's grantee. A subgrantee must meet the same eligibility criteria as the primary grantee and adhere to all FSSA policies and procedures.

### **SUBSIDY BEGIN DATE**

The date the CCDF Household is eligible to begin receiving CCDF services. The subsidy begin date may not be more than two weeks prior to the application date for TANF Impact Applicants only. The subsidy begin date must occur the week of application or the week following for non-TANF Impact Applicants, unless otherwise stated.

### SUBSIDY END DATE

The date CCDF services will end, unless the Applicant or Co-Applicant completes the reauthorization process according to established CCDF policies and procedures.

### **SUBSIDY**

The maximum child care reimbursement less applicable co-payment.

### **SUBSTANTIATED**

A determination regarding the status of a child abuse/neglect report whenever facts obtained during an investigation of the report provide credible evidence child abuse or neglect has occurred.

### **TEMPORARY MEDICAL CONDITION (TMC)**

A condition which would not be considered permanent by a physician, medical practitioner, or Social Security Administration and prevents the person's ability to work, attend school or seek employment.

### UNLICENSED REGISTERED CHILD CARE MINISTRIES

Child care services provided by a religious organization which is exempt from state licensing, but must meet the minimum requirements of sanitation, fire prevention, and building safety pursuant to IC12-3-2-12.7(c).

### **UPDATE**

The process by which an intake agent completes a periodic review of an Applicant or Co-Applicant's information and verifies changes to the application.

### **UTILITY**

For purposes of CCDF, a utility is considered water, sewage, waste, electric, cable, natural gas or other home heating source.

### **VERIFY AND DOCUMENT**

Verify and document is the process by which the Intake Agent collects missing information on behalf of the Applicant or Co-Applicant when permitted. The Intake Agent shall document the missing information, the name of the source providing the information, and the date provided. The Intake Agent must also initial all additions.

### **VOLUNTEER CAREGIVER**

An individual who provides or participates in the child care of a specific child with or without compensation.

### **VOUCHER**

A document which states the authorized subsidy for child care services for a specific eligible child, including: CCDF eligible provider, begin date, end date, and dollar amount. Multiple vouchers within the subsidy begin and subsidy end date may be created to facilitate flexibility.

### **VOUCHER BEGIN DATE**

The date a voucher is considered valid for reimbursement to a CCDF eligible provider. The first voucher begin date may be the same as the subsidy begin date unless the CCDF Applicant or Co-Applicant has requested alternate begin date or has been placed on Approved Leave.

### **VOUCHER END DATE**

The date a voucher is no longer considered valid for reimbursement to a CCDF eligible provider.

### **WAITING LIST**

A list of children from CCDF Households who preliminarily meet financial need and declare a service need of education/training or verification of a service need of employment for CCDF, but for whom there are no available CCDF funds.

### **WEEK**

A week is defined as Sunday through Saturday.

**WORKING** (See definition of Employment)

### **ACRONYMS**

**ABE** Adult Basic Education

ACSI American Christ Schools International

**ADA** Americans with Disabilities Act

AIS Automated Intake System (childcare)

**AG** Attorney General

AJS Applicant Job Search
BCC Bureau of Child Care

**BOI** Bureau of Investigations

CA/N Child Abuse / Neglect

CAA Community Action Agency
CAP Community Action Program

CCDF Child Care and Development Fund
CCRR Child Care Resource and Referral

**CDA** Child Development Associate

CHINS Child In Need of Services
COA Council on Accreditation
CPS Child Protective Services

CRO Central Reimbursement Office

DCS Department of Child Services

DFR Division of Family Resources

DOA Department of Administration

**DOE** Department of Education

DS Direct ServiceEC Early ChildhoodEI Early Intervention

**ESL** English as a Second Language

FC Foster Care

FMLA Family Medical Leave Act

**FPL** Federal Poverty Level

**FS** First Steps

**FSSA** Family and Social Services Administration

**GED** General Equivalency Diploma

**HHS** Health and Human Services

**HW** Hoosier Works

IACCRR Indiana Association of Child Care Resource and ReferralIAEYC Indiana Association for the Education of Young Children

IASACC Indiana Association of School Age Child Care

IC Indiana Code

ICES Indiana Client Eligibility System (Food stamps, Medicaid, TANF)

**IEP** Individual Education Plan

**ILCCA** Indiana Licensed Child Care Association

**IMPACT** Indiana Manpower Placement and Comprehensive Training

**IPIN** Indiana Parent Information Network

**IRS** Internal Revenue Service

**ISETS** Indiana Support Enforcement Tracking System (Child support)

LLEP Legally License-Exempt Provider

MOU Memorandum of Understanding

NAA National After-School Association

NAEYC National Association for the Education of Young Children

NAFCC National Association of Family Child Care

**NECPA** National Early Childhood Program Accreditation

**OCP** Office of Community Planning

**OTC** Over the Counter (referring to Hoosier Works Card issuing)

**PES** Provider Eligibility Standards

POA Plan of Action
POS Point of Service

**PRWORA** Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation

Act of 1996

**PTQ** Paths to Quality

**QRS** Quality Rating System

**RFF** Request for Funds

**RFP** Request for Proposal

**RID** Recipient Identification Number

SAC School Age Care (formerly School Age Child Care - SACC)

SCM State Case Manager
SCR State Central Registry

**SEC** State Eligibility Consultant

**SOS** Statement of Services

SSA Social Security Administration
 SSAC State School Age Child Care
 SSI Supplemental Security Income

SSN Social Security Number
TA Technical Assistance

**TANF** Temporary Assistance to Need Families (formerly AFDC)

TMC Temporary Medical Condition

# CCDF ELIGIBILITY

### **DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY**

All families must meet the service need, financial need, residency and age requirements as well as choose a certified provider to access CCDF. Initially most non-TANF Impact Applicants access CCDF services through enrollment on the CCDF waiting list when escrow funds are not available in the county in which the Applicant and Co-Applicant reside. If funds are available, an application should not be started until the Intake Agent has verified the Applicant and Co-Applicant have provided all information needed to complete an application.

### APPLICANT DEFINITION

Applicant is a person who is applying for services on behalf of the child(ren) for which they have physical custody. The applicant must be a person related to the eligible child by blood law, or is a person standing in loco parentis (in place of the parent). The applicant must be age eighteen (18) unless the applicant is married, an emancipated minor, or a minor parent.



### **CCDF GENERAL POLICY**

All Applicants and Co-Applicants, including TANF Impact and AJS Applicants, must comply with CCDF Policies and Procedures, unless otherwise stated.

### **CCDF WAITING LIST**

### **▼ENTERING FAMILIES ON THE CCDF WAITING LIST**



### WAITING LIST PRE-APPLICATION POLICY

A non-TANF Impact Applicant may provide a completed CCDF County Child Care Subsidy Pre-Application worksheet to determine preeligibility status for the CCDF Voucher Program, including declaration of a valid service need, verification of each CCDF Household Member's income, and verification-of priority.

### APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS FOR A CCDF PRE-APPLICATION

It is the responsibility of the Intake Agent to maintain an accurate CCDF waiting list. Each CCDF waiting list application must include:

- 1. A Completed Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) Pre-Application
- 2. Copy of the Applicants and Co-Applicant's, if applicable, paystub. The Intake Agent will multiple the gross wages by:
  - Two (2) if the paystub represents a bi-weekly or semi-monthly pay period; or
  - Four (4) if the paystub represents a weekly pay period; or
  - Enter as provided if the paystub represents a full month of pay.

Exception: The Intake Agent will determine self-employment wages by:

- Tax form Schedule C (if not more than six (6) months old as determined by fiscal year) divided by the number of months operating during the reporting year.
- Monthly Statement of Profit and Loss entered as provided.
- 3. A CCDF Household declaring a priority must provide verification of their priority (i.e. TANF Impact, AJS, special needs, TANF, or CPS).

**PLEASE NOTE:** CPS clients are not required to provide their most recent paystub.

4. An Applicant or Co-Applicant adding a child to an active application must provide proof of birth.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If the Applicant or Co-Applicant are military personnel, inquire if they are aware of military child care assistance through Child Care Aware (800) 424-2246.

### **◆**MAINTAINING THE CCDF WAITING LIST

In addition to verifying income eligibility, the Intake Agent must take additional steps to ensure the waiting list is accurate. This will require the Intake Agent to contact any Applicant in writing who has been on the waiting list for more than ninety (90) days to inquire if the Applicant and Co-Applicant still have a valid service need.

### STEPS TO COMPLETE A CCDF WAITING LIST PURGE

- STEP 1 The Intake Agent must send a written request for verification of valid service need for the Applicant and Co-Applicant, if applicable, requesting the submission of their most recent paystub or other appropriate wage verification when employed. If the Applicant or Co-Applicant is a student, only declaration is required.
- STEP 2 The written request must require an appropriate response from the Applicant and/or Co-Applicant within ten (10) calendar days from the date of the request.
- STEP 3 If an Applicant or Co-Applicant fails to appropriately respond to the written request, the Applicant and Co-Applicant, if applicable, must be purged from the CCDF waiting list.
- STEP 4 If the CCDF waiting list application has been purged, the application may be destroyed.

### **◆NOTIFYING APPLICANTS OF AVAILABLE FUNDS**

The Intake Agent will be notified of an estimated number of non-TANF Impact children who can be added to the program. Typically, this notification is made by email followed by a conference call hosted by the Bureau of Child Care. Intake Agents are expected to participate in this conference call.

It is the responsibility of the Intake Agent to notify and enroll the children within the next eleven (11) calendar days. Failure to complete enrollment may result in a loss of funds.



### WAITING LIST POLICY

An Intake Agent shall provide written notification to a CCDF Waiting List Applicant when funds become available for enrollment of non-TANF Impact children. Applicants shall be notified in priority order and enrolled on a first-come / first-served basis.

A partial application MAY NOT be started for any Applicant or Co-Applicant under any circumstances unless otherwise directed by the Bureau of Child Care.

### **CCDF ENROLLMENT PRIORITIES**

TANF-Impact Applicants must be enrolled in the CCDF Voucher Program, if funds are available (priority placement on the program despite the presence of a CCDF waiting list).



### WAITING LIST TANF PRIORITY POLICY

A TANF Impact family must be enrolled in the CCDF voucher program despite the presence of a waiting list. If CCDF funds are not available, non-TANF Impact families must be terminated to accommodate the TANF Impact family in the following order:

- 1. Families at the highest level of poverty, as established by the state
- 2. Families who have been on the CCDF program the longest amount of time
- 3. Families at the highest gross income level as calculated for CCDF eligibility

When funds are not available for a TANF Impact Applicant, the Intake Agent will be directed by the Bureau of Child Care to terminate appropriate non-TANF Impact families (this may include TANF only families) who are currently receiving CCDF in the county. The Applicants removed from the program should be placed on the CCDF waiting list in order of state priority utilizing a CCDF Pre-Application.

When a CCDF County Child Care Subsidy Pre-Application has been entered into the Automated Intake Software appropriately, the Applicant will be prioritized in the appropriate order.



### WAITING LIST PRIORITY POLICY

When CCDF funds are not available, families shall be place on the waiting list and prioritized in the following order:

- 1. Families receiving TANF with verification, who are not enrolled in an IMPACT approved activity;
- 2. Families with children who receive or need to receive child protective services (CPS) as verified by the local DCS can be eligible for CCDF child care services provided the CPS caseworker indicated the Applicant and Co-Applicant's need child care out of the child's home. The service and financial need requirements are waived for children who have been referred by their CPS caseworker as needing out of home care, as part of the CPS case plan. A child who has been placed into another home is not eligible for this exception; however, a child may be added prior to placement in their home when a family unification plan has been developed.
- 3. Children with Special Needs (see definition), who meet income and service eligibility guidelines and provide special need documentation.
- 4. Families who are transitioning off of the TANF program.
- 5. Families with the lowest income who are not receiving TANF or transitioning off TANF, but are as risk of becoming dependent on such assistance by date of CCDF waiting list application.

When escrow funds become available, families must be notified in priority order buy may be enrolled on a first/come – first/serve basis.

## PHYSICAL CUSTODY

The individual, parent or guardian, having physical custody of the child is considered the Applicant for CCDF benefits. Custody may be formal or non-formal.

### PHYSICAL CUSTODY DEFINITION

A child who resides and is receiving care and supervision from the Applicant

### **NON-FORMAL CUSTODY**

- Non-Formal Custody may be:
  - Foster children placed with unlicensed foster parents
  - Children living with custodial adults who are not their biological parent or legal guardian
- Does not require verification.
- ➤ Household composition will include the custodial adults, the child(ren) for whom they are serving as parent, and any other children meeting the definition of a CCDF Household.
- > Income is counted for Applicants applying for children for whom they have non-formal custody.

### **◄MINOR PARENT**

Minor parents are parents under the age of eighteen (18) related by blood or law to the children for whom they have physical custody. Minor parents as Applicants:

- ➤ Are considered a CCDF Household with his/her own children
- ➤ Must meet CCDF eligibility requirements



### MINOR PARENT IN THE CCDF HOUSEHOLD POLICY

When a minor parent is in the CCDF Household and is NOT the primary caregiver, the following documentation is required:

- ✓ Signed and dated statement from the Applicant or Co-Applicant indicating the minor parent is not the primary caregiver; <u>or</u>
- ✓ Signed and dated statement from the minor parent indicating they are not the primary caregiver.

Either statement must be provided with each application sequence until the minor parent is no longer in the Applicant's CCDF Household and/or becomes eighteen (18) years of age.



### MINOR PARENT IMPACT POLICY

If a custodial adult of a minor parent is a TANF Impact participant, the minor parent will be given the custodial adult's priority for purposes of enrollment in the CCDF Voucher Program. To verify priority, the minor's parent must provide a complete TANF Impact referral at the time of initial application.

### DOCUMENTING MINOR PARENT IMPACT PRIORITY

The Intake Agent shall follow the procedures below:

- STEP 1 A CCDF Pre-Application is completed by the minor parent who is considered the Applicant.
- STEP 2 A valid TANF Impact referral is provided by the minor parent's parent or guardian. The IQAE must show the minor parent as a household member.
- STEP 3 The minor parent's application is marked with a "TANF Impact" priority.
- STEP 4 The minor parent's CCDF Household will include the minor parent as Applicant and his/her children whom they are related to by blood or law.
- STEP 5 The minor parent must meet all relevant CCDF eligibility criteria.
- STEP 6 When the minor parent's application is complete, their priority must be changed to the appropriate selection for their CCDF Household.

### **◄**CATASTROPHIC CHANGES TO PHYSICAL CUSTODY►



### CATASTROPHIC CHANGE IN PHYSICAL CUSTODY POLICY

When the physical custody of a child currently receiving CCDF benefits changes due to a catastrophic event, the child may be entitled to continued benefits should the individual with physical custody meet eligibility guidelines and live within the same county as the child receiving benefits. A catastrophic event includes:

- > Death of a custodial adult
- > Loss of a custodial adult
- > Incarceration of a custodial adult
- ➤ Placement with a foster family or other guardian as identified by the Department of Child Services or placement back into the child's home
- > Deployment or return of custodial adult from active military service

# STEPS TO COMPLETE A CHANGE IN PHYSICAL CUSTODY DUE TO A CATASTROPHIC EVENT

The Intake Agent shall follow the procedures below:

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Intake Agent must assure the CCDF eligible child's authorizations do not overlap (by subsidy end date or voucher end date).

STEP 1	On the existing case,	end vouchers the Satu	arday following	change in
	custody or first avail	able Saturday. Termin	ate the case.	

- STEP 2 Request the new custodial adult to complete a CCDF Pre-Application.
- STEP 3 Pre-determine the new custodial adult's eligibility.
- STEP 4 Enter the new custodial adult's application as a Waiting List Application.
- STEP 5 Submit a Data Change Request form to the BCC Technical Team. This form must include the current AIS case number *and* the AIS case number of the Waiting List Application, as well as, the reason for the change in physical custody.

STEP 6 If approved, the Intake Agent will be notified the Waiting List

Application is now in a partial status

STEP 7 Complete the eligibility determination and authorization for the new custodial adult. It is the responsibility of the Intake Agent to assure the

eligible child's authorizations do not overlap.

### **▼TEMPORARY CHANGES IN PHYSICAL CUSTODY**

When physical custody of a child(ren) is no longer with the Applicant due to a formal or non-formal custody agreement, the Applicant must submit a written request to place the child(ren)'s vouchers in "Approved Leave" for the period of time the child(ren) are not in their physical custody. This period may not exceed thirteen (13) weeks. This action ensures the child(ren) will continue to receive CCDF benefits when the child(ren) returns to the Applicant's home.

If the individual who obtains temporary custody of the child(ren) also need child care, the individual with temporary custody may apply for CCDF benefits according to CCDF policies.

# **◆CHANGE IN RELATIONSHIP FOSTER PARENT ADOPTS CHILD**



### FOSTER PARENT ADOPTION POLICY

When a foster parent adopts their foster child(ren), they are considered a new Applicant and are required to meet all relevant eligibility guidelines, including poverty level, unless the foster parent has an active non-foster application.

# STEPS FOR FOSTER CHILD ADOPTION WITHOUT A CURRENT NON-FOSTER APPLICATION

The Intake Agent shall follow the procedures below for a foster parent with an active foster application who *does not* have an active non-foster application:

- STEP 1 On the existing foster application, end the vouchers on the Saturday following the adoption or the first available Saturday. Terminate the
- STEP 2 Request a complete CCDF Pre-Application from adoptive parent.
- STEP 3 Pre-determine eligibility.
- STEP 4 Enter the adopted parent's application as a Waiting List Application.
- STEP 5 If eligible, submit a Data Change Request form to the BCC Technical Team. This form must include the now inactive foster AIS case number *and* the AIS case number of the Waiting List Application, as well as, the reason for the change noted as "adoption".
- STEP 6 If approved, the Intake Agent will be notified the Waiting List Application is now in a partial status.

STEP 7 Complete the eligibility determination and authorization for the eligible child, as required.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Intake Agent must assure the adopted eligible child's authorizations do not overlap (by subsidy end date or voucher end date).

# STEPS FOR FOSTER CHILD ADOPTION WHEN A CURRENT NON-FOSTER APPLICATION IS ACTIVE

The Intake Agent shall follow the procedures below for a foster parent with an active foster and non-foster application:

- STEP 1 On the existing foster application case, end the vouchers on the Saturday following the adoption date or the first available Saturday. Terminate the case.
- STEP 2 Add the adopted child to the active non-foster application.
- STEP 3 If eligible, submit a Data Change Request form to the BCC Technical Team. This form must include the now inactive foster AIS case number *and* the AIS case number of the active non-foster case, as well as, the reason for the change noted as "adoption".
- STEP 4 If approved, the Intake Agent will be notified the adopted eligible child is now in a partial status.
- STEP 5 Complete the authorization for the adopted eligible child.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Intake Agent must assure the adopted eligible child's authorizations do not overlap (by subsidy end date or voucher end date).

### **◆PARENTS IN THE MILITARY**

The person with physical custody of the child(ren) is considered the Applicant(s) for benefits. Their service and financial need would be considered for eligibility.

The military family should also be made aware of the military child care assistance through Child Care Aware (800) 424-2246.

### Household size for deployed CCDF Household

Two custodial adult CCDF Household:

- A married couple's CCDF application will include the parent stationed away from home in their CCDF Household size and his/her income shall also be counted toward eligibility.
- An unmarried couple's CCDF application will not include the parent stationed away from home nor will his/her income be counted toward eligibility, unless support is being provided directly to the custodial parent and this income will be treated as Child Support.

#### RESIDENCY



#### CCDF RESIDENCY POLICY

The Applicant must apply for the CCDF Voucher Program in his/her county of residence.

There is no minimum length of time an Applicant or Co-Applicant must reside in Indiana to obtain benefits. This can include a person who is temporarily residing in a Domestic or Homeless shelter in Indiana. Should an active Applicant or Co-Applicant move from their current Indiana County of residence, they may not transfer their CCDF benefits to another Indiana County. The Intake Agent should provide the Applicant and Co-Applicant with information on where to apply for services in the new county of residence.

#### STEPS FOR A NEW APPLICANT OR CO-APPLICANT MATCH

When performing a search in the Automated Intake Software, an Intake Agent may receive a match to an Applicant or Co-Applicant in another county. If match is found, the Intake Agent should follow the procedure below.

- STEP 1 Determine if the case is active.
- STEP 2 Determine if the individual is the same individual submitting the application by matching Applicant or Co-Applicant date of birth, RID number, child(ren)'s names and dates of birth.
- STEP 3 If the Intake Agent determines the client is a match to the active case in another county, the Intake Agent must inform the Applicant and/or Co-Applicant their application cannot be taken until their active case has been closed.
- STEP 4 Notify the CCDF Policy Consultant of Applicant match.

#### **◀APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS TO VERIFY RESIDENCY**

It is the responsibility of the Intake Agent to obtain documentation to verify the Applicant or Co-Applicant's physical residency, including street address, city and/or zip code.

#### **CURRENT DEFINITION**

For purposes of CCDF eligibility current is defined as a previous thirty (30) day period which may include Applicant or Co-Applicant's signature date on State Form 805 or CCDF Parent / Applicant Worksheet, unless otherwise stated.

The following are appropriate documents for verification of Applicant or Co-Applicant's residency.

- > Current rent receipt or signed and dated statement from landlord
- > Current mortgage statement based on statement date or print date
- ➤ Current signed and dated statement from declared legal resident with whom the Applicant and Co-Applicant reside
- ➤ Current utility bill based on any of the following: end date of service period, meter reading date, or statement date. (See page 21 for definition of utility.)

**PLEASE NOTE:** When a complete address is not present, a municipal utility provider with a business name which includes the city of delivery may be used to document the city of residence.

Lease or lease amendment for the existing lease period

#### EXISTING LEASE PERIOD DEFINITION

Existing Lease Period is a lease which states it is a month to month lease <u>or</u> a lease which includes begin and end dates which are not expired.

- ➤ Envelope from current mail received at address, which is not a window envelope and includes a dated postmark.
- ➤ Current correspondence from state agencies such as DWD, DFR, etc. including screen prints from websites hosted by the State of Indiana or ICES screen prints which include current print dates.
- ➤ Current correspondence from federal agencies such as the Social Security Administration with a current letter date.
- ➤ Online documentation from the United States Postal Service showing an updated or changed address which includes a confirmation code
- ➤ Current documentation from a secondary or post-secondary school verifying the student's (Applicant or Co-Applicant's) registered address based on valid service need document
- ➤ Valid Indiana driver's license, valid Indiana state ID, valid Interim/Extension Indiana Regular ID Card, or any other valid government ID for Applicant or Co-Applicant
- ➤ Valid INS Green Card for Applicant or Co-Applicant
- > Current pay stub for Applicant or Co-Applicant
- ➤ Documentation from a Homeless or Domestic Violence Shelter which includes a signed and dated statement indicating county of residence only. For this purpose, a PO Box is acceptable.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If documentation listed above is not obtainable for the Applicant or Co-Applicant, a formal written request including suggested appropriate document must be submitted to BCC for *prior* written approval.



#### CCDF NAME ATTESTATION POLICY

When an Applicant or Co-Applicant's name as verified on their ID document does not match all verification documents in the current sequence, the individual must complete a CCDF Name Attestation from.

#### SCHOOL DISTRICT

Once the Intake Agent has verified residency, it is necessary to assist the parent in determining their school district. A complete list of school district information can be found on the Indiana Department of Education's website <a href="www.doe.in.us">www.doe.in.us</a> or more specifically on webpage <a href="http://www.doe.in.gov/publications/schooldirectory.html">http://www.doe.in.gov/publications/schooldirectory.html</a>

#### **◆CHOSEN PROVIDER IS IN ANOTHER COUNTY**

An Applicant or Co-Applicant must choose a CCDF eligible provider during the application process. This provider may reside in their county of residence or in a connecting county without BCC approval. If an Applicant or Co-Applicant has selected a provider from a county not accessible to the Intake Agent, a written request for approval must be submitted to BCC.

#### STEPS REQUEST PROVIDER IN UNAVAILABLE COUNTY

In certain circumstances, a CCDF eligible provider may not be in the Intake Agent's AIS selection because county access is limited to connecting counties. This does not exclude the chosen provider. Follow the steps below to request provider:

- STEP 1 Email your CCDF Policy Consultant the following information
  - ✓ The Applicant's name and county of residence
  - ✓ AIS case number
  - ✓ CCDF Eligible Provider's name
  - ✓ License or Registration number, if applicable
  - ✓ CCDF Eligible Provider's Address, including county
- STEP 2 Your CCDF Policy Consultant may:
  - Approve request and add the specific provider to AIS selections; or
  - > Request additional information; or
  - > Deny the request.
- STEP 3 The decision will be emailed to the Intake Agent.



#### CCDF ELIGIBLE PROVIDER RATE OF REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

A CCDF eligible provider's rate of reimbursement is based on the local CCDF Reimbursement Rates for the county where the Applicant resides <u>not</u> the county where child care is provided.

#### **CHILD ELIGIBILITY**



#### ELIGIBLE CHILD POLICY

An eligible child is a child related to the Applicant and Co-Applicant either by blood or law or other person standing in loco parentis (in place of the parent). All eligible children must be under the age thirteen (13) unless the child has appropriately documented special needs or court ordered supervision and is under the age of eighteen (18).



#### DOCUMENTED IDENTITY POLICY

Applicant must submit appropriate documentation of identity for all CCDF Household Members.

#### **◆CHILD IDENTITY**

# APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS TO VERIFY IDENTITY AND AGE OF AN ELIGIBLE CHILD

It is the responsibility of the Intake Agent to obtain documentation to verify a child's eligible age. Only one permanent document is needed. When entering the child's name into the Intake Software a child's first and last name must be entered as recorded on the child's form of identification. A middle initial is optional.

The following are appropriate documents to verify an eligible child's identity and age.

- Birth Certificate
- ➤ Hospital Issued Certificate of Birth
- ➤ Birth Confirmation Letter
- > ICES Screen
- ➤ Court Record of Adoption, Paternity, or Foster Placement, if date of birth is verified
- > Documentation from the verifying agency of a foster child's date of birth
- ➤ A completed and notarized Paternity Affidavit, State Form 44780
- > Identification Card issued by any government, if date of birth is on the card
- > Passport
- Permanent Residency Card
- ➤ Hoosier Health or Medicaid Card, if date of birth is on the card
- > School Enrollment Record or Identification Card, if date of birth is on the card
- Medical Immunization Record, if date of birth is on the document



#### **ELIGIBLE CHILD'S CITIZENSHIP POLICY**

For purposes of the CCDF Voucher Program, an eligible child must be a citizen of the United States or a qualified (legal) alien. Only the citizenship or immigration status of the eligible child is relevant for eligibility purposes.

#### **◆CHILD CITIZENSHIP**

# APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS TO VERIFY CITIZENSHIP OF AN ELIGIBLE CHILD

It is the responsibility of the Intake Agent to obtain documentation to verify a child is a citizen of the United States or a qualified (legal) alien and currently residing in Indiana.

The following are appropriate documents to verify the citizenship status of an eligible child.

- Any appropriate documentation of proof of birth issued in the United States
- ➤ Hoosier Healthwise or Medicaid card
- ➤ Valid Green Card
- ➤ Valid Visa
- Form I-94; Arrival / Department Document
- Social Security Card

  (PLEASE NOTE: Prior to scanning, the Intake Agent must redact or mask the first five (5) digits of the Child's Social Security Number.)
- Permanent Residency Card
- ➤ Valid State Identification Card
- > ICES Screen

#### **▼FOSTER CHILDREN**

# APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS TO VERIFY AN ELIGIBLE CHILD IS A FOSTER CHILD

It is the responsibility of the Intake Agent to collect documentation of an eligible child's status as a foster child *before* exempting a foster parent's income.

The following are appropriate documents to verify an eligible child is a foster child.

- ➤ Copy of the foster parent's valid Foster Family Home License, State Form 45562, which matches the foster parent's residency verification; or
- > Documentation from approving authority indicating the Foster Family Home License has been renewed or address has been changed; and
- ➤ Verification the child is a ward of the State, such as Medical Authorization, State Form 3319, Court Placement Order, current per diem documentation which includes eligible child's name or current documentation from the DCS Caseworker

The above documentation must be collected at each reauthorization.

#### **◄CHILD WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**

## APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS TO VERIFY AN ELIGIBLE CHILD'S SPECIAL NEEDS

It is the responsibility of the Intake Agent with parental consent to collect documentation of an eligible child's enrollment in a program for children with special need.



#### CHILD WITH SPECIAL NEEDS DOCUMENTATION POLICY

Documentation for children with special needs under the age of 13 is required at initial application <u>only.</u> For children ages 13 or over, the required special needs documentation <u>must be</u> an IEP (Individualized Education Plan) updated at least annually and indicates a child's need for an adult aide.

The following are appropriate documents to verify a child's special needs.

- ➤ Children with Special Health Care Services as provided by the State of Indiana
- > First Steps Early Intervention System
- ➤ Public School Special Education (Individualized Education Plan or IEP)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- ➤ Head Start (Child professionally diagnosed with disabilities.)

If documentation of enrollment in at least one of the above indicated programs cannot be obtained, the child will not be considered as a child with special needs until the documentation can be provided. Provider and/or Applicants or Co-Applicants cannot self-declare a child has special needs.

#### **CCDF HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS**

#### CCDF HOUSEHOLD DEFINITION

A CCDF household is one or more custodial adults and children related by blood or law or other person standing in loco parentis residing in the same household. Where custodial adults over the age of 18 (other than spouses or biological parents of the child(ren) receiving services) reside together, each is considered a separate household. Wards of the local Office of the Department of Child Services (DCS), foster children on Title IV-E, are all the legal responsibility of DCS and not the household which the children have been placed. NOTE: A marriage between persons of the same gender is void in Indiana even if the marriage is lawful in the place where it is solemnized, (IC 31-11-1-1 (B)), however, persons of the same gender may become foster or adoptive parents of a child(ren) and both are considered Applicants.

Using the definition of CCDF Household above, the Intake Agent must determine which individuals shall be included on the CCDF Application. It is possible for an Applicant to have more than one CCDF Application based on the relationship of the child or children to the other adults in the household; however, a child may not be on multiple applications with the same adult Applicant. Once a child(ren) turns eighteen (18) years of age, a child is no longer considered a CCDF Household member for purposes of CCDF regardless of school enrollment status.

In the case of foster families, only foster children who are biological siblings should be listed on the same application.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If the Intake Agent has determined the Applicant receiving services is a "Single Parent" (See definition of Single Parent on page 20.), there will be no other adults listed on the CCDF application. If the Applicant is not a "Single Parent", the biological parent, step-parent, guardian or foster parent of the child(ren) must be listed on the CCDF application and appropriate documentation to verify identity is needed.



#### DOCUMENTED IDENTITY POLICY

Applicant must submit appropriate documentation of identity for all CCDF Household Members.



#### CCDF NAME ATTESTATION POLICY

When an Applicant or Co-Applicant's name as verified on their ID document does not match all verification documents in the current sequence, the individual must complete a CCDF Name Attestation form. **Please note:** Children are exempt from this policy.

#### **◀**APPLICANT IDENTITY ►

#### APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS TO VERIFY APPLICANT IDENTITY

It is the responsibility of the Intake Agent to obtain documentation to verify the identity of the Applicant and Co-Applicant. Only one verification document is required. When entering the Applicant or Co-Applicant's name into the Intake Software, the first and last name must be entered as recorded on the form of identification, regardless of TANF status. A middle initial is optional. An Applicant or Co-Applicant may declare their date of birth.

The following are appropriate documents to verify an Applicant's identity, <u>if the verification includes a photograph.</u>

- ➤ Driver's License
- ➤ Identification Card issued by any government
- > Passport
- Military Identification Card
- School Identification Card
- ➤ Work Identification Card

#### **<b>◆**CO-APPLICANT IDENTITY **▶**

#### APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS TO VERIFY CO-APPLICANT IDENTITY

The following are appropriate documents to verify a Co-Applicant's identity. A photograph is not required.

- Driver's License
- > Identification Card issued by any government
- > Passport
- Military Identification Card
- School Identification Card
- ➤ Work Identification Card
- > Permanent Residency Card
- > ICES Screen
- Social Security Card

  (PLEASE NOTE: Prior to scanning, the Intake Agent must redact or mask the first five (5) digits of the Applicant's or Co-Applicant's Social Security Number.)
- > Birth Certificate
- > Insurance Card
- ➤ Vehicle Registration
- Voter Registration Card

#### **◆CHILD IDENTITY**

## APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS TO VERIFY IDENTITY OF A CHILD NOT RECEIVING CCDF

The following are appropriate documents to verify the identity of children as CCDF Household members who <u>are not</u> receiving CCDF subsidy. The document must include verification of date of birth.

- ➤ Birth Certificate
- ➤ Hospital Issued Certificate of Birth
- ➤ Birth Confirmation Letter
- > ICES Screen
- ➤ Court Record of Adoption or Foster Placement, if date of birth is verified
- > Documentation from the verifying agency of a foster child's date of birth
- ➤ A completed and notarized Paternity Affidavit, State Form 44780
- ➤ Identification Card issued by any government
- > Passport
- Permanent Residency Card
- ➤ Hoosier Health or Medicaid Card, if date of birth is on the card
- > School Enrollment Record or Identification Card, if date of birth is on the card
- Medical Immunization Record, if date of birth is on the card

#### **◆CCDF HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS RID NUMBER**

If an Applicant or Co-Applicant receives TANF benefits, the Intake Agent shall record the individual's RID (Recipient Identification Number). If an Applicant or Co-Applicant does not have a RID number, one will be assigned to them through an AIS validation process.

#### STEPS TO VALIDATE A RID NUMBER

When completing the RID number validation process, the Intake Agent may receive potential matches from ICES data. The following AIS data fields will be matched to ICES data fields to assist the Intake Agent in determining if an appropriate match exists.

- > Name
- Social Security Number
- > RID Number currently entered in AIS
- ➤ Date of Birth
- ➢ Gender
- > Race

The appropriate match may occur if the individual's AIS data partially matches ICES data; however, it is the responsibility of the Intake Agent to determine if a match exists. This may require information from the Applicant or Co-Applicant to justify the match. Unmatched data fields will not be populated into AIS unless the field is the RID number which will be updated on validation.

When no match exists, ICES will create a new RID number for the Applicant and/or Co-Applicant. Once successfully created, the RID number will be populated in AIS. (For additional information on the RID Validation Process, see your AIS User Manual.)

### SERVICE NEED



#### SERVICE NEED REQUIREMENT POLICY

An Applicant and Co-Applicant must demonstrate a valid service need at the time of application which meets all eligibility criteria.

#### TYPES OF SERVICE NEED DEFINITION

A service need is established when each custodial adult living in the home with an eligible child can demonstrate the need for child care by providing proof participation in one or more of the following:

Service Need Code of #1: Employment

Service Need Code of #2: Education or Training

Service Need Code of #3: A Combination of Service Need 1 & 2

regardless of the use of child care

Service Need Code of #4: Child Protective Services



#### START DATE OF SERVICE NEED POLICY

To establish a valid service need, the Applicant and Co-Applicant's participation must begin the week of or the week following the application completion date, unless otherwise stated.

#### APPLICATION COMPLETION DATE DEFINITION

The date the application authorization is complete and the Intake Agent has signed and dated the application, State Form 805.

#### **◆TANF IMPACT**

CCDF Applicants or Co-Applicants participating in the TANF Impact program document their service need by providing the local Intake office with a complete valid TANF Impact referral.

#### DETERMINING IF A TANF IMPACT REFERRAL IS COMPLETE

A TANF Impact referral may be received by fax, email, or in person. It is the responsibility of the Intake Agent to verify the referral is complete prior to completing the application.

The following criteria must be met to determine a referral is complete:

- ✓ The referral is *current* based on the TANF Impact caseworker's signature date
- ✓ A complete TANF Impact referral or Applicant Job Search has been received for each CCDF Adult Household Member unless there is another verified service need.
- ✓ The TANF Impact Referral includes the following
  - Applicant Name
  - Applicant Complete Address
  - Applicant Phone Number, if available
  - TANF Case Number
  - Activity clearly marked
  - Activity Begin and End Dates are present
  - All appropriate ICES screens are attached or marked "na"
    - ✓ AEINC (Earned Income), if applicable
    - ✓ AEISE (Self-employment income), if applicable
    - ✓ AEFUI (Unearned income), if applicable. An AEFUI for an individual who is not part of the CCDF household may be received; however, the income should be excluded.
    - ✓ IQAE (TANF Benefit)
    - ✓ IQCM (Case Member Inquiry)
    - ✓ WPA1
  - Signed or Electronically Transmitted
  - Signature (Completion ) Date of Impact Caseworker
- ✓ If activity is employment, an AEINC or AEISE must show monthly income
- ✓ Upon authorization completion or expiration of referral, Intake Agent should complete Section B of referral and return to TANF Impact Caseworker.



#### TANF IMPACT APPOINTMENT POLICY

If a complete TANF Impact referral has been received, the Intake Agent must make an appointment available to the TANF Impact Applicant or Co-Applicant within five (5) business days of Applicant or Co-Applicant contact. Applicant identity and Provider Information Page are the only documents required at the time of authorization.

#### APPROVED LEAVE



#### APPROVED LEAVE POLICY

A service need of Approved Leave is established when an active Applicant or Co-Applicant, unless otherwise indicated, provides proof of an eligible temporary lapse in service need for which child care is not needed.

#### APPROVED LEAVE DEFINITION

Approved Leave is an approved temporary lapse in service need during which child care is not needed yet eligibility is maintained.

#### TYPES OF APPROVED LEAVE

Approved Leave situations may include:

- ➤ Child Protective Services (See Child Protective Services page 49-50.)
- ➤ Maternity Leave
- ➤ Non-Permanent Employees
- Post-Secondary Education
- Secondary Education
- Temporary Change in Physical Custody
- > Temporary Medical Condition



#### APPROVED LEAVE SERVICE NEED CODE POLICY

An Applicant and/or Co-Applicant who has a service need of Approved Leave will have a Service Need Code appropriate for their permanent service need.



#### APPROVED LEAVE AT REAUTHORIZATION POLICY

An Applicant or Co-Applicant completing reauthorization at a time when they are not actively participating in their service need will be required to complete an income update 8 weeks after returning to their activity, if applicable.

# APPROVED LEAVE **◆CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES**

A service need of Approved Leave is established when an active or <u>non-active</u> Applicant or Co-Applicant provides proof of a valid service for Child Protective Services, but has yet to obtain physical custody of the eligible child(ren). This period may not exceed six weeks in duration. (See Child Protective Service page 49-50.)



#### CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICE NEED POLICY

An Applicant or Co-Applicant who does not have physical custody of their biological or step-child with a CPS case plan, but who is eligible for CCDF benefits with a service need of Child Protective Services may be place in "Approved Leave" for the period of time needed to establish family reunification. This period may not exceed six (6) weeks in duration.

#### STEPS FOR APPROVED LEAVE FOR CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICE

The Intake Agent shall follow the procedures below:

- STEP 1 Obtain documentation to verify service need (See Child Protective Services page 49-50.)
- STEP 2 Complete Authorization
- STEP 3 Establish an Approved Leave Voucher for six (6) weeks
- STEP 4 Establish a voucher using Pending Provider for the remainder of the subsidy period
- STEP 5 Complete case using appropriate situation below:
  - ➤ Obtain proof of placement and establish appropriate vouchers with CCDF Eligible Provider beginning Sunday following placement; <u>or</u>
  - ➤ Delete the Pending Provider vouchers and terminate the AIS case.

# APPROVED LEAVE ► **MATERNITY LEAVE** ►

A service need of Approved Leave is established when an active Applicant or Co-Applicant provides proof of pregnancy or birth. The current eligible child's voucher may be placed in Approved Leave status for a period which does not exceed sixteen (16) weeks.

#### APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS TO VERIFY MATERNITY LEAVE

The following is appropriate documentation to verify a service need of Approved Leave, Maternity:

- > Applicant or Co-Applicant with employment as service need
  - ✓ Proof of Pregnancy or Birth; and
  - ✓ A written statement, including signature and date, from the employer indicating Applicant or Co-Applicant has been assured of returning to their employment; or
  - ✓ Verification the Applicant or Co-Applicant is on Family Medical Leave; or
  - ✓ Statement from the self-employed Applicant or Co-Applicant stating their desired duration of non-participation in business, trade or profession.
- > Applicant or Co-Applicant with training/education as a service need
  - ✓ Proof of Pregnancy or Birth; and
  - ✓ Proof of future education/training status upon return from maternity leave (See page 52-53 for appropriate documentation.)
- > Applicant with CPS as a service need
  - ✓ Proof of Pregnancy or Birth; and
  - ✓ A complete current CPS caseworker referral upon physician's release.

# APPROVED LEAVE ◀NON-PERMANENT EMPLOYEE ▶

A service need of Approved Leave is established when an active Applicant or Co-Applicant provides proof of non-permanent employment. The current eligible child(ren)'s vouchers may be placed in Approved leave status for a period which does not exceed sixteen (16) weeks.

#### NON-PERMANENT EMPLOYEE DEFINITION

A non-permanent employee is defined as an employee who is knowingly hired to perform services for less than twelve (12) consecutive months, i.e. Secondary School Employees, Head Start Employees, etc.

## APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS TO VERIFY NON-PERMANENT EMPLOYMENT LEAVE

The following is appropriate documentation to verify a service need of Approved Leave, Non-Permanent Employment:

- ➤ Written statement from Applicant or Co-Applicant's current employer including:
  - ✓ Prepared on company letterhead or includes business card from individual signing statement
  - ✓ End date of current employment status
  - ✓ Begin date of future employment status
  - ✓ Signature and date

The Approved Leave period begins the Sunday following the end date of current employment status and ends the Saturday before the begin date of future employment status.

#### NON-PERMANENT EMPLOYMENT EXCLUSION

An Applicant or Co-Applicant who is self-employed is not eligible for Approved Leave as a result of Non-Permanent Employment.

# APPROVED LEAVE **▼POST SECONDARY EDUCATION** ▶

A service need of Approved Leave is established when an active Applicant or Co-Applicant provides proof of enrollment as a student in a post–secondary education or training program currently on break. The current eligible child's vouchers may be placed in Approved Leave for a period not to exceed sixteen (16) weeks.

## APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS TO VERIFY POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION LEAVE

The following is appropriate documentation to verify a service need of Approved leave, Post-Secondary Education:

- ✓ Proof of duration of break in education/training (See Appropriate Documents to Verify Service Need page 52-53.)
- ✓ Proof of future enrollment (See Appropriate Documents to Verify Service Need page 52-53.)



## POST-SECONDARY APPROVED LEAVE RESTRICTION POLICY

If an Applicant or Co-Applicant has requested and provided verification of Approved Leave for Post-Secondary Education, child care **may not** resume until the Approved Leave period expires.

# APPROVED LEAVE **◀SECONDARY EDUCATION** ▶

A service need of Approved Leave is established when an active or <u>non-active</u> Applicant or Co-Applicant provides proof of enrollment as a student in a secondary education/training program currently on break with the intent to return to the secondary education/training program. The eligible child's voucher may be placed in Approved Leave for a period not to exceed sixteen (16) weeks.

#### SECONDARY EDUCATION DEFINITION

Secondary education is defined as enrollment in an elementary, middle, junior or senior high school program, excluding those students being home schooled or participating in distance learning.

#### APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS TO VERIFY SECONDARY EDUCATION LEAVE

The following is appropriate documentation to verify a service need of Approved Leave, Secondary Education:

➤ A completed CCDF Secondary Education Student Verification Form

# APPROVED LEAVE **▼TEMPORARY CHANGES IN PHYSICAL CUSTODY**

A change in physical custody occurs when an eligible child is temporarily residing outside the Applicant or Co-Applicant's CCDF Household due to a formal or non-formal custody agreement, other than foster care. The eligible child's voucher may be placed in Approved Leave status for a period which does not exceed sixteen (16) weeks after which time the eligible child must have returned to the Applicant or Co-Applicant's CCDF Household to reestablish CCDF benefits.

## APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS TO VERIFY A TEMPORARY CHANGE IN PHYSICAL CUSTODY

One of the following is appropriate documentation to verify a service need of Approved Leave, Temporary Change in Physical Custody:

- A copy of a formal custody agreement which includes:
  - ✓ CCDF child's name
  - ✓ Frequency and duration of visitation
- ➤ A written statement from the Applicant which includes:
  - ✓ CCDF child's name
  - ✓ Duration of visitation
  - ✓ Person with whom the CCDF child will be residing
  - ✓ Applicant signature and date

# APPROVED LEAVE **▼TEMPORARY MEDICAL CONDITION** ▶

A service need of Approved Leave is established when an active Applicant or Co-Applicant provides proof of a Temporary Medical Condition which prohibits participation in their current service need, but is able to care for their children. The eligible child's voucher may be placed in Approved Leave for a period of time not to exceed sixteen (16) weeks.



#### TEMPORARY MEDICAL CONDITION EXCEPTION POLICY

A <u>new Applicant</u> or Co-Applicant may be enrolled when one custodial adult is actively participating in their service need and the other custodial adult has an approved Temporary Medical Condition.

#### TEMPORARY MEDICAL CONDITION DEFINITION

A Temporary Medical Condition is defined as a condition which would not be considered permanent by a physician, medical practitioner or Social Security Administration and prevents the person's ability to work, attend school and/or seek employment.

#### APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS TO VERIFY TEMPORARY MEDICAL LEAVE

The following is appropriate documentation to verify a service need of Approved Leave, Temporary Medical Condition:

PLEASE NOTE: This policy may apply if the Applicant or Co-Applicant is the primary caregiver of a spouse or child within the CCDF Household.

#### > Applicant or Co-Applicant with employment as service need

✓ A written statement, including signature and date, from physician indicating the Applicant or Co-Applicant is unable to participate in current service need including duration; and

- ✓ A written statement, including signature and date, from employer indicating the Applicant or Co-Applicant has been assured of returning to their employment; or
- ✓ Verification the Applicant or Co-Applicant is on Family Medical Leave; or
- ✓ Statement from the self-employed Applicant or Co-Applicant stating the duration of non-participation in business, trade or profession

#### > Applicant or Co-Applicant with training/education as a service need

- ✓ A written statement, including signature and date, from physician indicating the Applicant or Co-Applicant is unable to participate in current service need including duration; and
- ✓ Proof of future education/training status upon physician's release (See Appropriate Documentation to Verify a Service Need page 52-53.)

#### ➤ Applicant with CPS as a service need (see next page)

- ✓ A written statement, including signature and date, from physician indicating the Applicant or Co-Applicant is unable to participate in current service need including duration; and
- ✓ A complete current CPS caseworker referral upon physician's release.

# CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES (SERVICE NEED #4)



#### CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES SERVICE NEED POLICY

A service need of Child Protective Services is established when an active or inactive Applicant or Co-Applicant provides verification from the local Department of Child Services indicating the Applicant and Co-Applicant need child care outside of their home.

## APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTATION TO VERIFY CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES

The following is appropriate documentation to verify a service need of Child Protective Services.

- ➤ A written statement from the CPS caseworker indicating:
  - ✓ The child(ren) are living in their own home
  - ✓ The child(ren) need care outside their own home
  - ✓ Duration of need not to exceed 6 months
  - ✓ Amount of care needed per week
  - ✓ CPS caseworker's contact information



#### CPS SERVICE AND FINANCIAL NEED POLICY

The service and financial need requirements are waived for children who have been referred by the CPS caseworker as needing out of home care as part of the CPS case plan.

#### APPROPRIATE AUTHORIZATION DOCUMENTATION FOR A CPS CASE

All of the following documentation must be obtained at time of application:

- ➤ Applicant and Co-Applicant identification from approved source (See Appropriate Documents to Verify Identity page 42.)
- ➤ Child(ren)'s identification and date of birth from approved source (See Appropriate Documents to Verify Identity page 38 & 43.)
- ➤ Residency verification from approved source (See Appropriate Documents to Verify Residency page 36.)
- ➤ Complete CPS Caseworker Referral (See Appropriate Documentation to Verify Child Protective Services above.)
- Completed Provider Information Page

(See next page for additional CPS Policies.)

#### CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES EXCEPTIONS



#### CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICE EXCEPTION POLICY

An Applicant or Co-Applicant who has physical custody of a child with a CPS case plan who is not their biological child or step-child is not eligible for CCDF benefits with service need of Child Protective Services.

**PLEASE NOTE:** This Applicant or Co-Applicant may be eligible for CCDF benefits; however, they must demonstrate a valid service and financial need. The CCDF Applicant and Co-Applicant's priority *will not* be CPS.



#### CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICE APPROVED LEAVE POLICY

An Applicant or Co-Applicant who does not have physical custody of their biological or step-child with a CPS case plan, but who is eligible for CCDF benefits with a service need of Child Protective Services may be place in "Approved Leave" for the period of time needed to establish family reunification. This period may not exceed six (6) weeks in duration.

#### EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS SERVICE NEED #2



#### EDUCATION OR TRAINING SERVICE NEED POLICY

A service need of Education/Training is established when an Applicant and/or Co-Applicant provide proof of participation in a certified or accredited Education/Training organization or institution occurring inside or outside of the home, unless otherwise indicated.

#### TYPES OF EDUCATION OR TRAINING PROGRAMS

Training and Education Programs can include:

- ➤ Adult Basic Education
- Clinical, Internship, Externship or Practicum
- ➤ Community Work Experience or CWEP (TANF Impact participants only)
- ➤ English as a Second Language (ESL)
- ➤ General Education Degree (GED)
- ➤ Job Readiness (*TANF Impact participants only*)
- Post Secondary Education (including Distance Learning)
- > Secondary Education
- Vocational Training
- ➤ Work/Study

## APPROPRIATE SOURCES TO VERIFY IF AN EDUCATIONAL OR TRAINING PROGRAM IS ACCREDITED OR CERTIFIED

The following are appropriate sources to verify if an educational or training program is accredited or certified by a recognized organization.

- > www.chea.org
- www.detc.org
- www.doe.in.gov (secondary learning institutions)
- www.fafsa.ed.gov
- www.in.gov/core/education.html (secondary learning institutions)
- www.in.gov/cpe
- > www.in.gov/ssaci/2334.htm
- https://mylicense.in.gov/everification (select search for facility, business...)
- www.ope.ed.gov/accreditation

Proof of accreditation or certification should be verified and documented for a non-public institution.

#### **EDUCATION AND TRAINING EXCLUSIONS**



#### POST SECONDARY EDUCATION LIMIT POLICY

Non-TANF Impact households are eligible to receive CCDF benefits when post secondary education is their only service need, unless the Applicant or Co-Applicant has received one 4 year degree, 2 associate degrees or received CCDF benefits for 16 cumulative semesters/terms.

**PLEASE NOTE:** In accordance with regulations for TANF, if a TANF Impact Applicant or Co-Applicant chooses to attend an undergraduate degree program or training that cannot be approved by Impact; they must apply for CCDF benefits in the same manner as any other Non-TANF Impact household.

#### APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTATION FOR A SECOND ASSOCIATE DEGREE

- ✓ Proof of first Associate Degree
- ✓ Appropriate School Enrollment Documentation

#### DOCUMENTING POST SECONDARY EDUCATION DURATION

To successfully manage an Applicant or Co-Applicants education eligibility, the Intake Agent must enter each semester's information into the tracking mechanism in AIS. Each semester or term enrolled will apply to the cumulative total despite successful completion.

#### EDUCATIONAL TERM DEFINITION

For educational programs with single course terms for full-time students or terms with no identified course begin or end dates, each semester or term shall be counted by 16 week intervals.

# ◆ADULT BASIC EDUCATION ► ◆ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) ► ◆GENERAL EDUCATION DEGREE (GED ► ◆POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION ► ◆VOCATIONAL TRAINING ► ◆WORK STUDY ►

#### APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTATION FOR THE ABOVE SERVICE NEED

The following information must be provided to verify a service need of Education or Training Service Need for the above. This may be obtained using one or more documents.

- ✓ Student Name (may be verified and documented by the Intake Agent)
- ✓ School Name (may be verified and documented by Intake Agent)
- ✓ Credit Hours and/or Hours of Participation, excluding TANF Impact Applicants or Co-Applicants
- ✓ Semester Dates or Begin and End Dates, if applicable, excluding TANF Impact Applicants or Co-Applicants

This information may be in the form of <u>one or more</u> of the following:

- ➤ A complete TANF Impact Referral
- ➤ A Registration Form
- > School Schedule which may be printed from School Website
- ➤ Written Statement on Institution Letterhead signed by a representative

#### **◄**CLINICAL, EXTERNSHIP, INTERNSHIP / PRACTICUM▶

## APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTATION TO VERIFY A SERVICE NEED OF CLINICAL/EXTERNSHIP/INTERNSHIP/PRACTICUM

The following information must be provided to verify a service need of Clinical / Practicum / Internship or Externship.

- ✓ Student Name (may be verified and documented by Intake Agent)
- ✓ School Name (may be verified and documented by Intake Agent)
- ✓ Type of Activity
- ✓ Hours of Participation
- ✓ Activity Begin and End Date (This is considered a semester/term.)

This information may be in the form of <u>one or more</u> of the following:

- ➤ A Registration Form
- > School Schedule which may be printed from School Website
- ➤ Written Statement on Institution Letterhead signed by Instructor
- ➤ Course Syllabus which includes identifying class information

#### **<b>⋖**CWEP OR JOB READINESS▶

## APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTATION TO VERIFY A SERVICE NEED OF CWEP OR JOB READINESS

✓ An appropriately documented TANF Impact referral

#### **◄SECONDARY EDUCATION**

# APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTATION TO VERIFY A SERVICE NEED OF SECONDARY EDUCATION

- ✓ A completed CCDF Secondary Education Student Verification Form
- ✓ A complete TANF Impact Referral

#### EMPLOYMENT SERVICE NEED #1

#### EMPLOYMENT SERVICE NEED DEFINITION

A service need of employment is established when an Applicant or Co-Applicant provides proof of monetary compensation for labor or services performed for another person or organization which constitutes their usual means of livelihood.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If an Applicant or Co-Applicant is unable to provide verification of complete current period's income due to date of hire, the Applicant or Co-Applicant is considered newly employed. (See New Employment Section page 60.)

#### TYPES OF EMPLOYMENT ACTIVITIES

Employment can include the following:

- > Americorps
- > Applicant Job Search
- > Employment (Working)
- > Job Search

- ➤ New Employment
- ➤ On-the-Job Training
- > Self-Employment

# EMPLOYMENT **◆AMERICORPS** ►



#### **AMERICORPS POLICY**

A service need of AmeriCorps is established when a CCDF Applicant or Co-Applicant provides proof of participation as an AmeriCorps member.

#### **AMERICORPS DEFINITION**

AmeriCorps is a federally funded network of partnerships with local and national non-profit groups which utilize public service to address critical needs in the community.

#### APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS TO VERIFY AMERICORPS

The following is appropriate documentation to verify a service need of AmeriCorps:

- ➤ A current written statement from the Applicant or Co-Applicant's AmeriCorps sponsor including:
  - ✓ AmeriCorps sponsor letterhead
  - ✓ Term of Service
  - ✓ Hours of Service
  - ✓ AmeriCorps sponsor signature

# EMPLOYMENT **◆APPLICANT JOB SEARCH (AJS)**

#### DETERMINING AN APPLICANT JOB SEARCH (AJS) REFERRAL IS COMPLETE

An Applicant Job Search (AJS) referral may be received by fax, email, inter-office mail or in person. It is the responsibility of the Intake Agent to verify the referral is complete prior to completing the application.

The following criteria must be met to determine a referral is complete.

- ✓ The referral is *current* based on the TANF Impact caseworker's signature (completion) date
- ✓ A complete Applicant Job Search (AJS) referral has been received for each CCDF Adult Household Member unless there is another verified service need.
- ✓ The referral includes all of the following information:
  - Applicant Name
  - Telephone Number, if applicable
  - Complete Address
  - TANF Case Number
  - Job Search as the *only* activity marked in Box A
  - Activity Begin and End Date
  - "Applicant Job Search" or "AJS" indicated in general comments
  - Hours needed for Job Search clearly indicated in general comments
  - Signed or Electronically Transmitted
  - Local Impact Caseworker contact information has been provided
  - Signature (Completion) Date of Impact Caseworker
  - ICES WPA1 screen is included



#### AJS APPOINTMENT POLICY

If a complete Applicant Job Search referral has been received, the Intake Agent must make an appointment available to the AJS Applicant or Co-Applicant within five (5) business days of Applicant or Co-Applicant contact. The AJS referral provides proof of service need and residency, the remaining required documentation must be supplied by the AJS Applicant or Co-Applicant.

# EMPLOYMENT **◆EMPLOYMENT (WORKING)**

#### APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS TO VERIFY EMPLOYMENT

The following are appropriate documents to verify a service need of employment:

- A current pay stub including the following information:
  - ✓ Identifying information for the Applicant or Co-Applicant
  - ✓ Hours worked, if hours worked is absent, the documented hourly rate of pay may be utilized to determine hours worked

- ✓ Gross wages, if pay stub(s) is missing, the year to date may be utilized to calculate income for the missing pay date
- ✓ Date received, if the date is absent, the Applicant or Co-Applicant must declare and document the date received on the verifying document
- A written statement of current wages from the employer including the following information:
  - ✓ Identifying information for the Applicant or Co-Applicant
  - ✓ Hours worked
  - ✓ Gross wages
  - ✓ Date received
  - ✓ Employer signature
  - ✓ Company letterhead or business card from individual signing statement or Tax Identification Number of employer
- A complete TANF Impact Referral for Applicant and Co-Applicant, if applicable
- A statement of earnings from The Work Number (www.theworknumber.com) verifying current wages.

#### VERIFICATION OF PARTIAL PAY CYCLE

#### PARTIAL PAY CYCLE DEFINITION

A Partial Pay Cycle is income documentation which does not represent an entire pay cycle for the current period. In example, less than four (4) pay stubs if paid weekly or two (2) pay stubs if paid bi-weekly or semi-monthly.

Verification of a **Partial Pay Cycle** may be for reasons including, but not limited to the following:

- New employment with a single pay stub
- Vacation leave
- ➤ Sick leave
- ➤ Plant shut down

In these situations, the Intake Agent must verify the absence of pay either by:

- > Year-to-Date Wages; or
- > Employer Verification

In addition, the Intake Agent must issue only an eight (8) week voucher. An income update must be completed and the Applicant and Co-Applicant determined income eligible before additional vouchers are issued. However, if an appropriately documented Foster Applicant and/or Co-Applicant provides proof of a partial pay cycle and is satisfied with the hours authorized, the application may be authorized for 26 weeks.



#### CONSECUTIVE PARTIAL PAY CYCLE POLICY

If an Applicant or Co-Applicant, excluding appropriately documented Foster Applicant, is unable to verify an entire pay cycle for more than two consecutive subsidy periods, the Applicant and Co-Applicant will not be re-authorized.

#### **CHILD CARE EMPLOYEES**

## ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO VERIFY APPLICANT'S EMPLOYMENT BY A CHILD CARE PROVIDER

The following is required documentation for child care employment:

- A current written statement from the facility owner/director indicating:
  - ✓ Applicant or Co-Applicant will not be responsible for their own child(ren) for any part of the child care day, including the Applicant or Co-Applicant's presence in the same room or outdoor play area; and
  - ✓ This written statement must be:
    - Signed and dated by the owner/director
    - Signed and dated by the Applicant or Co-Applicant who is the employee.

# EMPLOYMENT **◆JOB SEARCH** ▶



#### JOB SEARCH ACTIVITIES POLICY

A service need of job search includes verified participation in one or more of the following activities:

- ➤ Employment workshops
- > Jobs clubs or job fairs
- Researching job opportunities in the classified ads or other publications, including internet research
- Face-to-face contacts with potential employers
- *Completing and following up on job applications*
- > Completing job interview
- Registering for work at an employment agency
- Completing pre-employment requirements

#### JOB SEARCH EXCLUSIONS



#### NEW APPLICANT JOB SEARCH EXCLUSION POLICY

A new non-TANF Impact Applicant is not eligible for job search at initial application.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The policy above applies to any Applicant who has not participated in the CCDF program in the previous 90 days with a service need other than job search.



#### JOB SEARCH ELIGIBILITY EXCLUSION POLICY

If an active TANF Impact client or AJS client becomes an inactive TANF Impact client or AJS client, the Applicant or Co-Applicant is not eligible for CCDF benefits with job search as a service need.

A TANF Impact or AJS Client's status may be reported to the Intake Agent as inactive (no longer participating) through a TANF No-Match Report, the Impact Caseworker or self-declared by the Applicant or Co-Applicant.



#### JOB SEARCH LIMIT EXCLUSION POLICY

A non-TANF Impact Applicant and/or Co-Applicant is eligible for thirteen cumulative weeks per 12 month period of job search beginning one day after loss or completion/withdrawal from an education program. If employment is not obtained CCDF benefits will be terminated.

#### DETERMINING JOB SEARCH ELIGIBILITY



#### JOB SEARCH INELIGIBILITY POLICY

A non-TANF Impact Applicant and/or Co-Applicant is ineligible for job search if the loss of service need is not reported within 10 calendar days of date of loss based on the dates provided on the relevant statement. If the Applicant or Co-Applicant failed to report the loss of service need timely, the application shall be terminated.

#### JOB SEARCH AFTER EMPLOYMENT

## APPROPRIATE JOB SEARCH ELIGIBILITY DOCUMENTATION AFTER EMPLOYMENT

To determine job search eligibility for an Applicant or Co-Applicant with a previous service need of employment, the following documentation must be provided.

- ➤ The Applicant or Co-Applicants last pay stub
- ➤ A written statement from the Applicant or Co-Applicant's former employer including:
  - ✓ Company Letterhead or Business Card from individual signing the statement or Tax Identification Number of the employer
  - ✓ Date Terminated
  - ✓ Employer Signature
- ➤ Termination Notice or "Pink Slip"
- Verification of claim for Unemployment Insurance
- ➤ Copy of a letter of resignation which includes:
  - ✓ Employer Name
  - ✓ Employer Address
  - ✓ Date of Resignation
  - ✓ Signature of Applicant or Co-Applicant

#### JOB SEARCH AFTER SELF-EMPLOYMENT

#### APPROPRIATE JOB SEARCH ELIGIBILITY DOCUMENTATION AFTER SELF-EMPLOYMENT

To verify job search eligibility for an Applicant or Co-Applicant with a previous service need of self-employment, the following documentation must be provided.

- ➤ A written statement from the Applicant and/or Co-Applicant which includes:
  - ✓ Last date service provided through their business, trade or profession
  - ✓ Signature of the self-employed Applicant and/or Co-Applicant

# JOB SEARCH AFTER EDUCATION/TRAINING COMPLETION

## APPROPRIATE JOB SEARCH ELIGIBILITY DOCUMENTATION AFTER EDUCATION OR TRAINING COMPLETION

To verify completion of an education/training program, the following documentation must be provided.

- Diploma
- > Certificate of Completion
- ➤ A written statement from the education /training institute which includes:
  - ✓ Institutional letterhead
  - ✓ Date of completion
  - ✓ Signature of institution representative

#### JOB SEARCH AFTER WITHDRAWAL EDUCATION/TRAINING

## APPROPRIATE JOB SEARCH ELIGIBILITY DOCUMENTATION AFTER WITHDRAWAL FROM AN EDUCATION OR TRAINING PROGRAM

To verify withdrawal from an education/training program, the following documentation must be provided.

- > Institution's document of withdrawal
- > Institution's transcript with previous semester grades
- Institution's report card with previous semester grades, student name and institution may be verified and documented by Intake Agent
- ➤ A written statement from the education/training institute which includes;
  - ✓ Institutional letterhead
  - ✓ Date of withdrawal

#### **VERIFICATION DOCUMENTS**

The following are appropriate documents to verify Job Search as a service need.

- ➤ A completed and signed Bureau of Child Care Job Search Documentation form for the Applicant and/or Co-Applicant; or
- ➤ A completed TANF Impact Referral for the Applicant and/or Co-Applicant; or
- ➤ A completed TANF Applicant Job Search Referral for the Applicant and/or Co-Applicant

#### STEPS TO COMPLETE JOB SEARCH AUTHORIZATION

- STEP 1 Verify the date of loss of service need.
- STEP 2 Determine if Applicant or Co-Applicant is eligible for job search based on date of loss and submitted eligibility documentation.
- STEP 3 Applicant or Co-Applicant, who will be participating in job search, completes Bureau of Child Care Job Search Documentation
- STEP 4 Enter Job Search Begin Date in AIS beginning with one day after loss of service need based on documentation provided.
- STEP 5 Before the end of the thirteenth (13<sup>th</sup>) week of Job Search, confirm the Applicant or Co-Applicant has obtained new employment or terminate the application.
- STEP 6 Complete an income update after eight (8) weeks of new employment.
- STEP 7 Enter the Job Search End Date in AIS as the date of termination or start date of new employment.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Applicant's child care authorization shall remain as authorized for their previous active service need for the duration of Job Search. Additionally, an income update will not be completed until new employment is obtained and/or reauthorization has occurred.

# EMPLOYMENT ► NEW EMPLOYMENT ►



#### NEW EMPLOYMENT SERVICE NEED POLICY

A Service need of new employment is established when a CCDF Applicant or Co-Applicant is not able to provide income from their present employer due to date of hire.

#### APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS TO VERIFY NEW EMPLOYMENT

The following is appropriate documentation to verify a service need of New Employment.

- ➤ A written statement from the Applicant or Co-Applicant's current employer including:
  - ✓ Company Letterhead or Business Card from individual signing the statement or Tax Identification Number of the employer
  - ✓ Date Hired
  - ✓ Anticipated Hours per Week
  - ✓ Employer Signature

#### APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS TO VERIFY NEW SELF EMPLOYMENT

The following is appropriate documentation to verify a service need of New Self Employment.

A statement of profit or loss for the previous calendar month with a start date less than eight (8) weeks old which may indicate zero (0) revenue.

# EMPLOYMENT **◀ON-THE-JOB TRAINING** ▶

#### ON-THE-JOB TRAINING DEFINITION

On-The-Job Training is defined as an employee training at the place of work while he or she is doing the actual employment.



#### ON-THE-JOB TRAINING POLICY

A service need of on-the-job training is established when an Applicant or Co-Applicant provides proof of training at their place of work with no monetary compensation.

#### APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS TO VERIFY ON-THE-JOB TRAINING

The following is appropriate documentation to verify a service need of On-The-Job Training:

- ➤ A written statement from the Applicant or Co-Applicant's current employer including:
  - ✓ Company Letterhead or Business Card from individual signing the statement or Tax Identification Number of the employer
  - ✓ Start Date
  - ✓ Duration of Training Period
  - ✓ Anticipated Hours of Training per Week
  - ✓ Statement indicating this training is being conducted without compensation
  - ✓ Employer signature

# EMPLOYMENT ► **SELF EMPLOYMENT** ►

#### **SELF EMPLOYMENT DEFINITION**

A service need of self-employment is established when an Applicant and/or Co-Applicant provide proof of revenue, unless self-employment participation is fewer than eight (8) weeks, directly from their own business, trade or profession which may take place in or out of the home.

#### APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS TO VERIFY SELF-EMPLOYMENT

The following are appropriate documents to verify a service need of Self-Employment:

- ✓ A statement of profit or loss for the previous calendar month; and
- ✓ A IRS tax form, Schedule C, for the previous tax year, unless the business is a new business and has not been required to file a Tax Return to date; or
- ✓ A completed IRS tax form 4868, Automatic (6 month) Extension of Time to File US Individual Income Tax, or an IRS acknowledgement of completed (6 month) extension transaction, and an IRS tax form, Schedule C, for the tax year prior to the extension, unless the business was too new to file the previous year; or
- ✓ For active TANF Impact Applicants and Co-Applicants, a complete TANF referral only

**PLEASE NOTE:** An Applicant or Co-Applicant must provide a Schedule C, when appropriate, or they may not be authorized and/or reauthorized. If the documentation listed above is not obtainable for the Applicant or Co-Applicant, a formal written request including suggested appropriate document must be submitted to BCC for prior written approval.



#### CHILD CARE SELF-EMPLOYMENT EXCLUSION POLICY

In situations where the Applicant and/or Co-Applicant is also a child care provider, and child care is requested outside of the facility, the following limitations apply:

- ➤ Legally license exempt home providers are not eligible for CCDF benefits
- ➤ Licensed child care home providers may receive CCDF benefits until the eligible child(ren) reach the age of 7

**PLEASE NOTE**: Licensed child care center owners may receive CCDF benefits.

# EMPLOYMENT ► **TANF IMPACT**

#### APPROPRIATE DOCUMENT TO VERIFY TANF IMPACT EMPLOYMENT

The following is the only appropriate document to verify a service need of TANF Impact Employment:

✓ A completed TANF Impact referral for the Applicant or Co-Applicant

#### **INCAPACITATED**

A service need of Incapacitation is established when an Applicant or Co-Applicant provides verification from a physician indicating the Applicant or Co-Applicant is unable to participate in a service need and incapable of caring for their own children.

#### **INCAPACITATION DEFINITION**

Incapacitated is defined as an Applicant or Co-Applicant who has a medical condition that prevents him/her from participating in their service need and is unable to care for their child(ren), as verified by a physician's statement. This condition may be permanent or temporary. Temporary incapacitation may not exceed thirteen (13) weeks.

#### APPROPRIATE COMPOSITION

#### FOR AN INCAPACITATED APPLICANT AND/OR CO-APPLICANT HOUSEHOLD

To be eligible for CCDF subsidy with a service need of incapacitation, the Applicant and Co-Applicant must match one of the combinations below:

#### TWO CUSTODIAL ADULTS WITHIN A CCDF HOUSEHOLD

- ➤ One active or inactive custodial adult actively participating in their service need and one custodial adult incapacitated (either temporarily or permanently)
- ➤ One active custodial adult temporarily incapacitated and one custodial adult permanently incapacitated
- ➤ Both active custodial adults temporarily incapacitated
- ➤ One active custodial adult on Approved Leave and one custodial adult incapacitated (either temporarily or permanently)

#### SINGLE CUSTODIAL ADULT WITHIN A CCDF HOUSEHOLD

➤ The active custodial adult is *temporarily incapacitated* 

## APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTATION TO VERIFY TEMPORARY INCAPACITATION

The following is appropriate documentation to verify a service need of Temporary Incapacitation:

- A current written statement, including signature and date, from physician indicating the Applicant or Co-Applicant is unable to participate in current service need including the duration and a statement indicating they are unable to care for their own children; and
- ➤ A current written statement, including signature and date, from employer indicating the Applicant or Co-Applicant has been assured of returning to their employment; <u>or</u>
- ➤ Verification the Applicant or Co-Applicant is on Family Medical Leave; or
- > Statement from the self-employed Applicant or Co-Applicant stating the duration of non-participation in business, trade or profession.

➤ Proof of future training/education status upon physician's release (See page 52 and 53 for appropriate documentation.)

**PLEASE NOTE:** A custodial adult who has a service need of Temporary Incapacitation will have a Service Need Code appropriate for their permanent service need.

## APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTATION TO VERIFY PERMANENT INCAPACITATION

The following is appropriate documentation to verify a service need of Permanent Incapacitation:

A current written statement, including signature and date, from physician indicating:

- ✓ Applicant or Co-Applicant is unable to participate in a service need
- ✓ Applicant or Co-Applicant is incapable of caring for their child(ren)
- ✓ The incapacitation is permanent

**PLEASE NOTE:** A custodial adult who is permanently Incapacitated will have the same Service Need Code as the active custodial adult.

#### INCAPACITATION **▼MATERNITY** ►

A service need of Maternity Incapacitation is established when a Applicant or Co-Applicant provides proof of pregnancy or proof of birth and the Applicant or Co-Applicant intends to utilize child care for the period of time, not to exceed thirteen (13) weeks, when they will not be participating in their service need.

#### APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTATION WHEN REPORTED PRIOR TO LEAVE

The following is appropriate documentation when Maternity Incapacitation is reported prior to the leave:

- > Proof of pregnancy from a medical professional; and
- > Statement from their employer indicating they have been assured of returning to their employment; or
- Verification of Family Medical Leave (FMLA); or
- ➤ Statement from the self-employed Applicant or Co-Applicant stating their desired duration of non-participation in business, trade or profession; or
- ➤ Proof of future education/training status when the period of non-participation ends. (See page 52 and 53 for appropriate documentation.); or

#### APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTATION WHEN REPORTED DURING LEAVE

The following is appropriate documentation when Maternity Incapacitation is reported during the period of non-participation:

➤ Proof of pregnancy from a medical profession or proof of birth (See pages 38 and 42 for appropriate documentation); and

- > Statement from their employer indicating they have been assured of returning to their employment; or
- ➤ Verification of Family Medical Leave (FMLA); or
- ➤ Statement from the self-employed Applicant or Co-Applicant stating their desired duration of non-participation in business, trade or profession; or
- ➤ Proof of future education/training status when the period of non-participation ends. (See pages 52 and 53 for appropriate documentation.)

#### APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTATION WHEN REPORTED AFTER LEAVE

The following is appropriate documentation when Maternity Incapacitation is reported after the period of non-participation:

- > Proof of birth (See pages 38 and 42 for appropriate documentation); and
- Current pay stub; or
- ➤ Written statement from employer verifying their return to employment. (See pages 55 and 56 for appropriate documentation); or
- > Statement from the self-employed Applicant or Co-Applicant stating when they restarted their participation in business, trade or profession; or
- ➤ Proof of enrollment in a training/education program. (See pages 52 53 for appropriate documentation.)

#### **FINANCIAL NEED**

In addition to meeting service need criteria, Applicants and Co-Applicants must also demonstrate a financial need.

#### FINANCIAL NEED DEFINITION

Financial need is defined as a CCDF household whose current gross monthly income from all countable sources falls below established federal poverty guidelines.

To determine a CCDF Household's current gross monthly income, all income received by CCDF Household Members must be evaluated and counted toward eligibility, when appropriate.



#### POVERTY GUIDELINE POLICY

CCDF poverty guidelines are established based on the number in the CCDF Household and income level from all countable sources to determine whether an Applicant is income eligible for the CCDF program. However, some CCDF Household Member's income may be excluded.

#### **<b>▼**CCDF HOUSEHOLD INCOME EXCLUSIONS



#### HOUSEHOLD MEMBER UNDER 18 INCOME POLICY

Any <u>earned</u> income of a CCDF Household Member under the age of 18, excluding emancipated minors and minor parents, is not counted toward eligibility.



#### FOSTER FAMILY INCOME POLICY

The income of an appropriately documented foster family is exempt for purposes of CCDF eligibility. (See Foster Family Documentation page 39.)



#### CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICE INCOME POLICY

The income of an appropriately documented Child Protective Services family is exempt for purposes of CCDF eligibility. (See Child Protective Service pages 49 and 50.)

#### **<b>◄**COUNTABLE SOURCES ►

# APPROPRIATE SOURCES AND DOCUMENTATION FOR COUNTABLE INCOME

#### GROSS CCDF HOUSEHOLD INCOME DEFINITION

For purposes of CCDF eligibility, gross CCDF household income is defined as total income from all countable sources prior to taxes and after qualifying deductions received by each identified CCDF Household Member in the current period

Total income is determined by calculating all gross income, prior to taxes and qualifying deductions, received in the current period from all countable sources from each identified CCDF Household Member. Indentifying information must be included on the document and may include name, nickname, social security number, partial social security number, etc.

#### **CURRENT DEFINITION**

For purposes of CCDF eligibility, current is defined as a previous 30 day period which may include Applicant or Co-Applicant signature date on State Form 805 or CCDF Parent/Applicant Worksheet unless otherwise stated.

# COUNTABLE INCOME **◄ CHILD SUPPORT / SPOUSAL MAINTENANCE** ►

Child Support is money paid on a regular basis by a non-custodial parent for the benefit of his or her child, which include direct payments and payments via the clerk of the circuit courts and/or the Division of Family Resources, Child Support Bureau. Maintenance is an allowance paid to one spouse by the other for support pending or after separation or divorce.

#### CHILD SUPPORT ADJUSTMENTS

- ➤ If the child for whom child support is received is not listed on the application, the child support is not counted.
- ➤ If the paying non-custodial adult is listed on the application, the child support would not be counted.

## APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTATION TO VERIFY CHILD SUPPORT / SPOUSAL MAINTENANCE

✓ A completed CCDF Child Support / Maintenance Declaration form signed with a current date, excluding properly documented CPS or Foster CCDF Households.

**PLEASE NOTE:** An AEFUI is <u>not</u> an appropriate documentation source for Child Support.

# COUNTABLE INCOME **◆EARNED INCOME (WAGES OR SALARY)**

Earned income is payments for labor or services usually according to a contract and on an hourly, daily, salaried, commission or piecework basis. For purposes of CCDF eligibility, earned income is counted using current wages prior to taxes and after qualifying deductions.

#### EARNED INCOME ADJUSTMENTS

- More than 4 weekly, 2 bi-weekly, or one monthly payment shall be excluded from current earned income
- Advance Pay is counted when received and not when deducted including, salary, commissions, sick or vacation pay
- ➤ Health/Dental/Vision Insurance Benefits which are considered part of gross income are not counted when there is an opposing deduction.
- ➤ Bonuses are counted, however, if reflective of a multi-month payment, the total shall be divided by the months represented not to exceed twelve (12) months. Documentation from the employer is required.
- ➤ One time bonuses are treated as Lump Sum payments and should be divided by twelve (12).
- ➤ If less than 4 weekly, 2 bi-weekly or one monthly payment is received, the Applicant or Co-Applicant must document the absence of pay for the partial pay cycle through year-to-date information or verified by employer

#### PARTIAL PAY CYCLE DEFINITION

Partial Pay Cycle is income documentation which does not represent an entire pay cycle for the current period. In example, less than four (4) if paid weekly or two (2) if paid bi-weekly or semi-monthly.

#### APPROPRIATE SOURCES TO VERIFY EARNED INCOME

- A current pay stub including the following information:
  - ✓ Identifying information for the Applicant or Co-Applicant
  - ✓ Hours worked, if hours worked is absent, the documented hourly rate of pay may be utilized to determine hours worked
  - ✓ Gross wages, if pay stub(s) is missing, the year to date may be utilized to calculate income for the missing pay date
  - ✓ Date received, if the date is absent, the Applicant or Co-Applicant must declare and document the date received on the verifying document
- ➤ A written statement of current wages from the employer including the following information:
  - ✓ Identifying information for the Applicant or Co-Applicant
  - ✓ Hours worked
  - ✓ Gross wages
  - ✓ Date received (*Continued next page*)
  - ✓ Employer signature

- ✓ Company letterhead or business card from individual signing statement or Tax Identification Number of employer
- ➤ AEINC screen from a complete TANF Impact referral, regardless of age, for the Applicant or Co-Applicant
- A statement of earnings from The Work Number, a wage verification service utilized by specific employers, for the Applicant or Co-Applicant. See <a href="https://www.theworknumber.com">www.theworknumber.com</a> to register for this service.

#### CALCULATING EARNED INCOME

#### TANF IMPACT APPLICANTS

#### STEPS TO DETERMINE COUNTABLE EARNED INCOME USING AEINC

- STEP 1 Find "MONTHLY INCOME" on screen.
- STEP 2 Enter the amount as stated regardless of the date.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If a TANF Impact client supplies current pay stubs, they may be used to determine current earned income. However, the AEINC screen must still be included for the TANF referral to be considered valid.

### TIPPED EMPLOYEES AS APPLICANTS STEPS TO DETERMINE COUNTABLE TIPPED INCOME

When determining wages for tipped employees, the Applicant and/or Co-Applicant must complete a <u>CCDF Tipped Employee Worksheet</u> for each pay stub used for income determination during the current period.

This total of the CCDF Tipped Employee Worksheets for the current period *must be* equal or greater than total hours worked (based on pay stubs) multiplied by minimum wage. If total wages are less than minimum wage, then income is figured by using the following formula:

Wages = Total Hours Worked X Minimum Wage.

# COUNTABLE INCOME **▼EARNED INCOME (SELF EMPLOYMENT)** ►

Self-employed earned income is revenue received directly from an Applicant or Co-Applicant's own business, trade or profession minus business expenses declared by Applicant or Co-Applicant. Applicants and Co-Applicants must be able to demonstrate collection of revenue from self-employment; however, an operating loss may be incurred and is reported as zero on the application, State Form 805. An Applicant or Co-Applicant may be asked by the Bureau of Child Care to provide documentation of gross receipts and expenses.

#### APPROPRIATE SOURCES TO VERIFY SELF-EMPLOYMENT INCOME

➤ A statement of Profit / Loss for the previous calendar month which will be documented as income in AIS; or

➤ AEISE screen from a complete TANF Impact referral, regardless of age, for the Applicant or Co-Applicant

#### STEPS TO DETERMINE SELF-EMPLOYMENT INCOME USING AEISE

- STEP 1 Determine INC TYPE
- STEP 2 Add all OI (Income Received) for the reported month. This amount may be documented as MO (monthly) and would be counted once or WK (weekly) and each week in the month reported would be counted. (Please refer to Income/Expense Code Sheet to determine applicable codes.)
- STEP 3 Subtract all EI (Expenses Incurred) within the month reported from the Income. (Please refer to your Income/Expense Code Sheet to determine applicable codes.)
- STEP 4 Enter the sum in dollars and cents in AIS. If this amount is a negative, a zero will be entered.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Intake Agent must identify the Applicant's or Co-Applicant's declared self-employment activity. If it is determined self-employment is providing the service of child care, applicable CCDF policies apply.

# COUNTABLE INCOME **◄LUMP SUM PAYMENTS** ►

#### **LUMP SUM DEFINITION**

Lump Sum Payments is money paid through life insurance, inheritances, lawsuit settlements, gambling/lottery winnings, severance payments from previous employer, retention bonuses from current employer, annual employment bonus, etc. are to be annualized, unless otherwise stated.

#### APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS TO VERIFY LUMP SUM PAYMENTS

- Pay Stub, including employer documentation of lump sum (bonus) frequency
- ➤ Check Stub
- Current documentation from issuing authority
- > Court Record of Lawsuit or Inheritance Settlement

#### STEPS TO DETERMINE LUMP SUM INCOME

- STEP 1 Determine the amount of the lump sum as documented on appropriate source of verification
- STEP 2 Deduct any documented legal expenses
- STEP 3 Divide the remaining sum by twelve (12)
- STEP 4 Enter the sum in dollars and cents in (AIS) and include as income for the next twelve (12) months

# COUNTABLE INCOME **▼PENSIONS AND ANNUITIES** ►

Pensions and annuities are paid to a retired person or his/her survivors by a former employer or union either directly or through an insurance company.

#### APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS TO VERIFY PENSION & ANNUITY PAYMENTS

- > Pay Stub
- ➤ Award Letter from issuing agency
- Current Documentation from Issuing Agency

# COUNTABLE INCOME **◆BENEFITS PAID TO A PROTECTIVE PAYEE**

If benefits are issued in someone else's name but for use by the Applicant or Co-Applicant, then the income must be counted. (I.E. Social Security, Veteran's Benefits, etc.)

**PLEASE NOTE:** If this income is for a foster child, it is not counted toward eligibility.

# APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS TO VERIFY BENEFITS PAID TO A PROTECTIVE PAYEE

- A written statement, including signature and date, from the Protective Payee declaring monthly benefit amount, <u>or</u>
- A written statement, including signature and date, form the Applicant or Co-Applicant declaring monthly benefit amount.

# COUNTABLE INCOME **SOCIAL SECURITY INCOME** (All Types) ▶

Social Security Income is money paid to an individual as cash assistance who is age qualified, a survivor of a qualified individual, a permanently disabled individual or an individual retired from the railroad. For purposes of CCDF eligibility, Social Security Income is counted prior to taxes and after qualifying deductions.

#### APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS TO VERIFY SOCIAL SECURITY INCOME

- Award letter from issuing agency for the current benefit year which can be more than 12 months old
- > Current documentation from issuing agency
- An AEFUI screen which is not more than twelve (12) months old

#### CALCULATING SOCIAL SECURITY INCOME

# STEPS TO DETERMINE IF THE AWARD LETTER IS APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTATION

- STEP 1 Determine the following dates:
  - ✓ Date of award letter
  - ✓ Payment from and through dates
- STEP 2 Determine appropriate situation from the following:
  - ➤ If the "Payment From/Begin Date" is prior to the CCDF application signature date, the Award Letter is consider to be appropriate documentation.
  - ➤ If the "Payment From/Begin Date" is after the CCDF application signature date, the Award Letter is not appropriate documentation.

#### SOCIAL SECURITY INCOME EXCEPTIONS

- Overpayments are counted when received not when withheld from benefits
- ➤ Lump Sum Social Security Income payments are not counted

#### STEPS TO DETERMINE SOCIAL SECURITY INCOME

- STEP 1 Determine if the award letter is appropriate documentation.
- STEP 2 Determine the countable benefit:
  - ✓ Deduct any withholding for an overpayment
  - ✓ Add any other documented deductions
- STEP 3 Enter the amount in dollars and cents.

# COUNTABLE INCOME **▼TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES**(TANF)

TANF is money paid as cash assistance to an adult in the assistance group.

#### APPROPRIATE SOURCES TO VERIFY TANF INCOME

- Award letter from issuing agency which is not more than twelve (12) months old
- ➤ An IQAE screen from a complete TANF Impact referral, regardless of age, for the Applicant or Co-Applicant
- An IQAE screen which is not more than twelve (12) months old
- Screen print from <a href="www.ifcem.com">www.ifcem.com</a> or other state supported website with a current print date which can be verified and documented. The "Current Month Amount" will be entered as TANF income.

#### STEPS TO DETERMINE TANF BENEFITS USING IQAE

- STEP 1 Determine your current period
- STEP 2 (Reading from top to bottom) Find the first line with "STAT" of OPEN, if no OPEN skip to step 4

- STEP 3 Determine the appropriate situation from the following:
  - ➤ If there is no "DATE END" and the "DATE BEGIN" is not a future date, use this amount as TANF benefit.
  - ➤ If there is a "DATE END" with a "DATE BEGIN" and the "DATE BEGIN" is within the current period, use this amount as the TANF benefit. (Continued next page.)
  - ➤ If there is a "DATE END" with a "DATE BEGIN" and the "DATE BEGIN" is outside of the current period, TANF benefit amount will be entered as zero.

STEP 4 If the "STAT" is PEND or CLOSED, TANF benefit will be entered as zero.

### **COUNTABLE INCOME**

### **◆UNEARNED INCOME FOR A TANF IMPACT CASE**

Unearned income is income received by a TANF Impact Applicant or Co-Applicant from a source other than employment and TANF cash benefit.

#### APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS TO VERIFY UNEARNED INCOME (TANF)

- ➤ AEFUI screen from a complete TANF Impact referral, regardless of age, for the Applicant or Co-Applicant; or
- > Other appropriate documentation, as stated in this section, if a complete TANF Impact referral has also been provided

#### CALCULATING UNEARNED INCOME

#### STEPS TO DETERMINE UNEARNED INCOME (TANF) USING AEFUI

- STEP 1 Determine the current period STEP 2 Find the column "INC TYPE"
- STEP 3 Determine the appropriate situation from the following:
  - ➤ INC TYPE with CS, CH or CP indicates Child Support. This type is verified by a completed and signed CCDF Child Support / Maintenance Declaration form.
  - ➤ INC TYPE with UI indicated Unemployment Insurance. This type is verified by Uplink Claim Homepage or current documentation from the approving authority.
  - > INC TYPE other than CS, CH, CP, or UI would be counted. Proceed to Step 4.
- STEP 4 Find the column "BGT MTD"
- STEP 5 Determine the appropriate situations from the following:
  - ➤ If there is a "R" in the column, the income is counted as directed in Step 6.
  - If there is a "T" in the column, the income is excluded.

➤ If there is an "F" in the column, the income is counted if it was received in the current period based on "OCCUR DATE" as directed in Step 6.

### STEP 6 Find the column "FRQ"

STEP 7 Determine the countable income by using the appropriate "FRQ" code and the following list:

- ➤ Weekly (WK) Multiply the amount by 4 and record as "Other Income Counted"
- ➤ Semi-Monthly (SM) Multiply the amount by 2 and record as "Other Income Counted"
- ➤ Semi-Annually (SA) Divide the amount by 6 and record as "Other Income Counted"
- ➤ Quarterly (QT) Divide the amount by 3 and record as "Other Income Counted"
- ➤ One Time Only (OT) Record in its entirety as "Other Income Counted" if the income was received in the current period
- ➤ Monthly (MO) Record in its entirety as "Other Income Counted"
- ➤ Less Often Periodic (LO) Record in its entirety as "Other Income Counted" if received in the current period
- ➤ Bi-weekly (BW) Multiply the amount by 2 and record as "Other Income Counted"
- ➤ Annually (AN) Divide the amount by 12 and record as "Other Income Counted"

# COUNTABLE INCOME **◄UNEMPLOYMENT**

Unemployment is money paid from government unemployment insurance agencies or private companies during the period of unemployment. For purposes of CCDF eligibility, Unemployment income is counted prior to taxes and after qualifying deductions.

#### APPROPRIATE SOURCES TO VERIFY UNEMPLOYMENT

- ➤ Uplink Claim Homepage which covers the current period payment from (https://uplink.in.gov/CSS/CCSClaimHomePage.htm)
- Current documentation from issuing agency

#### CALCULATING UNEMPLOYMENT INCOME

#### UNEMPLOYMENT INCOME EXCEPTIONS

- ➤ If multiple payments are recorded for a single "Benefit Week/End Date", only one "WBA" or "Weekly Benefit Amount" shall be counted.
- ➤ If an amount paid for a "Benefit Week/End Date" is zero, then the week will not be counted in determining income.

➤ If an Applicant or Co-Applicant is receiving reduced benefits, a "Voucher History Inquiry" may be provided by the approving authority to calculate benefits paid. This history must include: payment date, total benefit amount and actual payment.

#### STEPS TO DETERMINE UNEMPLOYMENT USING CLAIM HOME PAGE

- STEP 1 Determine the "WBA" or "Weekly Benefit Amount"
- STEP 2 Determine the number of "Benefit Week/End Date" in the current period
- STEP 3 Multiply the number of weeks by the "Weekly Benefit Amount"

# STEPS TO DETERMINE UNEMPLOYMENT USING VOUCHER HISTORY INQUIRY

- STEP 1 Determine the "CWE" or Claim Week End dates which fall within the current period
- STEP 2 Determine the "CWE" week's status.
- STEP 3 Determine the appropriate situation from the following:
  - ➤ If status is "PAY" the "Benefit Pay Amount" would be counted.
  - ➤ If status is "HOLD" or "OUTS" the "Benefit Pay Amount" would not be counted.

# COUNTABLE INCOME **▼VETERAN'S BENEFITS** ►

Veteran's benefits are money paid by the Veteran's Administration to disabled or retired members of the Armed Forces or to survivors of deceased veterans.

#### APPROPRIATE SOURCES TO VERIFY VETERAN'S BENEFITS

- Award Letter from issuing agency for the current benefit year which can be more than 12 months old
- ➤ Current Pay Stub or Electronic Deposit Verification
- > Current documentation from issuing authority
- ➤ Benefit Amount obtained by Veteran Administration's resource number (800)827-1000, may be verified and documented by Intake Agent

# COUNTABLE INCOME **◄WORKER'S COMPENSATION** ►

Worker's compensation is money paid periodically from public or private insurance companies for injuries incurred at work. The cost of this insurance must have been paid by the employer and not the employee.

### APPROPRIATE SOURCES TO VERIFY WORKER'S COMPENSATION

- > Pay stub
- Current documentation from issuing authority

# APPROPRIATE SOURCES AND DOCUMENTATION FOR EXEMPT INCOME

#### **EXEMPT INCOME DEFINITION**

For purposes of CCDF eligibility, exempt income is defined as income received for limited use excluding child care, income received as reimbursements for expenses paid, income previously counted, and income received by a non-custodial adult. Exempt income includes, but is not limited to, food stamps, housing assistance, travel reimbursement, tax refunds/stimulus, foster care per diem, adoption assistance, and deductions for advance pay.

## **■** ADOPTION ASSISTANCE (COUNTY, STATE & FEDERAL)

Adoption assistance is money paid to the parent/guardian of an adopted child. This amount may be declared and is not counted toward financial eligibility.

#### APPROPRIATE SOURCES TO VERIFY ADOPTION ASSISTANCE

Declaration

## **<b>■**CONTRIBUTIONS **►**

A contribution is money paid from a source outside of the Applicant and Co-Applicant's CCDF Household with no intent to repay. This source of income is not counted toward financial eligibility.

#### APPROPRIATE SOURCES TO VERIFY CONTRIBUTIONS

Declaration

## **▼EARNED INCOME CREDIT (EIC)**

Earned Income Credit is money paid as a tax credit to certain low income families which may be advanced to the employee by the employer. This source of income is not counted toward financial eligibility.

#### APPROPRIATE SOURCES TO VERIFY EARNED INCOME CREDIT (EIC)

- Declaration
- ➤ Documented on the Applicant or Co-Applicant's pay stub

### **■EMPLOYMENT REIMBURSEMENTS**

Employment reimbursements are money paid for out-of-pocket expenses related to employment and reimbursed on an Applicant or Co-Applicant's pay stub. These payments could include reimbursement for mileage, per diem, meals, supplies, etc. This source of income is not counted toward financial eligibility.

#### APPROPRIATE SOURCES TO VERIFY EMPLOYMENT REIMBURSEMENTS

- Declaration
- > Documented on the Applicant or Co-Applicant's pay stub

## **▼FOOD STAMPS** ▶

Food stamps are benefits paid to an individual for the purchase of nutritional items and to assist in providing adequate nutrition for their household. This source of income is not counted toward financial eligibility.

#### APPROPRIATE SOURCES TO VERIFY FOOD STAMPS

Declaration

### **▼FOSTER CARE PER DIEM**

Foster Care Per Diem is money paid by the Family and Social Services Administration to the guardian of an individual considered a ward of the court for the purpose of providing for their immediate needs. This source of income is not counted toward financial eligibility and is not recorded on the CCDF application, State Form 805.

#### APPROPRIATE SOURCES TO VERIFY FOSTER CARE PER DIEM

> Current documentation from the issuing authority

## **◄**HOUSING ASSISTANCE/LIVING ALLOWANCE ▶

Housing assistance/allowance are benefits provided to an individual to assist in providing adequate housing for their CCDF Household. This source of income is not counted toward financial eligibility. Examples: military housing allowance (BAH), HUD, and religious employment benefits.

#### APPROPRIATE SOURCES TO VERIFY HOUSING ASSISTANCE / ALLOWANCE

- Declaration
- Documented on the Applicant or Co-Applicant's pay stub

## **■**MILITARY BAS (Food Subsidy)

Military BAS is money paid for sustenance assistance to enlisted personnel and is documented on the Applicant or Co-Applicant's paystub. This source of income is not counted toward financial eligibility.

#### APPROPRIATE SOURCES TO VERIFY MILITARY BAS

- Declaration
- ➤ Documented on the Applicant or Co-Applicant's pay stub

### **◆**TAX REFUND AND/OR TAX STIMULUS PAYMENTS ▶

Tax refunds or stimulus payments is money paid by the Internal Revenue Service. This source of income is not counted toward financial eligibility.

#### APPROPRIATE SOURCES TO VERIFY TAX REFUND / STIMULUS

- Declaration
- Documented on the Applicant or Co-Applicant's pay stub
- > Current documentation from the issuing authority

## **◆**WORK/STUDY INCOME **▶**

Work/Study income is money paid in the form of a grant for a student's participation in an education/training program. This source of income may be declared and is not counted toward financial eligibility.

#### APPROPRIATE SOURCES TO VERIFY WORK/STUDY INCOME

- Documented on the Applicant or Co-Applicant's pay stub
- ➤ Current documentation from the educational institution including:
  - ✓ Student Name
  - ✓ School Name
  - ✓ Employer Name
  - ✓ Start Date of Work/Study Program (continued on next page)
  - ✓ End Date of Work/Study Program
  - ✓ Number of Participation Hours
  - ✓ Contact Information for Program Advisor

# **AUTHORIZATION**

### **AUTHORIZATION**

Prior to authorization, the Intake Agent must determine the Applicant or Co-Applicant preliminarily eligible for the CCDF program.

#### **AUTHORIZATION DEFINITION**

Authorization is the process by which subsidy is determined for a CCDF Eligible Provider after information is obtained to document a CCDF Household's eligibility.

Documentation which verifies the information required for application authorization should be copied, scanned and maintained in the Applicant's file at the Intake Agency or Bureau of Child Care. Prior to completing a CCDF application, the intake must determine if all necessary documentation is available to complete the application. If the Applicant or Co-Applicant is missing information, the application must be stopped and the Applicant or Co-Applicant given written documentation indicating the additional documentation required. A partial application may not be taken for any reason unless otherwise directed by the Bureau of Child Care, in writing.

#### **NEW APPLICANT DEFINITION**

New Applicant is an individual applying for services who has not participated in the CCDF program for the previous 90 days.



#### FACE-TO-FACE INTERVIEW POLICY

An application authorization interview for a new Applicant and Co-Applicant must be conducted through a face-to-face interview.

Subsequent application authorizations may be completed through various acceptable procedures which provide a method for collection of all appropriate documentation.

During the application authorization, the Intake Agent will enter relevant information into the Automated Intake Software (AIS). In addition, the Intake Agent will compile an Applicant and Co-Applicant file which must include all applicable documentation listed below:



#### APPLICANT SIGNATURE POLICY

The signature of an applicant or co-applicant may be original or facsimile.

#### REQUIREMENTS OF AN APPLICANT AND CO-APPLICANT FILE

- ✓ Application, State Form 805, with all eligibility criteria complete
- ✓ Application or Parent/Applicant Worksheet signed and dated, if applicable
- ✓ Application, State Form 805, signed and dated by Applicant or Co-Applicant
- ✓ Application, State Form 805, signed by Intake Agent and dated with date of data entry into AIS
- ✓ All required verifications
- ✓ Signed Rights and Obligations Form



#### FACE-TO-FACE APPLICATION SIGNATURE POLICY

During a face-to-face interview, the applicant or co-applicant must sign and date the application, State Form 805, upon completion of program authorization.



#### MAIL-IN APPLICATION SIGNATURE POLICY

A complete CCDF mail-in application must contain an Applicant or Co-Applicant signature and date on the CCDF Parent Worksheet.



#### INTAKE AGENCY SIGNATURE POLICY

A complete application, State Form 805, must be signed by the CCDF Intake Agent upon completion of program authorization.

- ✓ Current signed Provider Information Page (Facsimile signatures are acceptable.)
- ✓ Signed Hoosier Works for Child Care Card Authorization form
- ✓ Complete TANF Referral, if required
- ✓ A copy of the Pre-Voucher
- ✓ Other Documentation, as required

The application authorization process should provide for the collection of all relevant information to accurately complete the application, State Form 805, and ensure eligibility.

### SUBSIDY BEGIN DATE

It is the responsibility of the Intake Agent to establish an appropriate subsidy period for each Applicant and Co-Applicant based on their service need and appropriate CCDF policies. The subsidy begin date is the date the eligible child(ren) may begin receiving CCDF services. To establish a subsidy begin date, the Applicant and Co-Applicant's participation must begin the week of or the week following the application completion date, unless otherwise stated. The subsidy begin date must be established based on:

- ✓ Begin Date of their Service Need
- ✓ The appropriate CCDF Policy below



#### SUBSIDY BEGIN DATE POLICY

The Applicant and Co-Applicant must demonstrate a valid service need to establish a subsidy begin date.



#### TANF IMPACT SUBSIDY BEGIN DATE POLICY

The subsidy begin date for a TANF Impact Applicant and Co-Applicant may be no more than two weeks prior to the application date and may not be prior to the activity begin date.

### SUBSIDY END DATE

The subsidy end date is the date CCDF services will end, unless the Applicant or Co-Applicant completes the reauthorization process according to established policies and procedures. This date must be established based on the duration of the Applicant or Co-Applicant's service need, not to exceed six months, and the appropriate CCDF policy below:



#### TANF IMPACT SUBSIDY END DATE POLICY

The subsidy end date for a TANF Impact Applicant and Co-Applicant must be the lesser of the identified activity end date on a valid TANF Impact child care referral or fifteen (15) weeks.



#### AJS SUBSIDY END DATE POLICY

The subsidy end date for an AJS (Applicant Job Search) Applicant and Co-Applicant must be the lesser of the identified activity end date on a valid AJS child care referral or 6 weeks.



#### MAXIMUM SUBSIDY PERIOD POLICY

A subsidy period, inclusive of the subsidy begin and end date, may not exceed 26 weeks in duration nor may it extend beyond the Applicant or Co-Applicant's documented service need, unless otherwise stated. This period must begin on a Sunday and end on a Saturday.

## **◆SHORTENED SUBSIDY END DATES**

In situations where the Intake Agent questions or anticipates a change in the Applicant or Co-Applicant's service need, a subsidy period of less than 26 weeks may be established to provide an opportunity to re-evaluate the Applicant or Co-Applicant's service need.



#### SUBSIDY END DATE FOR JOB SEARCH

The subsidy period for non-TANF Impact Applicant and Co-Applicant participating in Job Search must not exceed thirteen (13) cumulative weeks per twelve (12) month period beginning one day after loss of employment or completion/withdrawal from an education program.



#### SUBSIDY END DATE FOR GED

The subsidy period for non-TANF Impact Applicant and Co-Applicant participating in Adult Basic Education (GED) may not exceed eight (8) weeks.



#### SUBSIDY END DATE FOR PARTIAL PAY CYCLE

The subsidy period for a non-TANF Impact Applicant and Co-Applicant who are unable to demonstrate an entire pay cycle for their verified service need due to new employment or other circumstances must be eight (8) weeks in duration.



# SUBSIDY AND AUTHORIZATION END DATE FOR EDUCATION OR TRAINING PROGRAM

The authorization end date for a non-TANF Impact Applicant and Co-Applicant, whose only service need is enrollment in an accredited or certified educational program, must be the Saturday following the semester end date or term end date, if less than six (6) months. The subsidy end date may be the Saturday following the semester end date, term end date, or training completion date or the Saturday prior to the future semester start date or term date, if less than six (6) months.

#### EDUCATION SUBSIDY END DATE OPTIONS

# APPROPRIATE STEPS FOR A SUBSIDY END DATE MATCHING EDUCATIONAL OR TRAINING PROGRAM'S END DATE

- STEP 1 Determine the semester or term's begin and end dates.
- STEP 2 End the subsidy the Saturday following the semester or term end date.
- STEP 3 When beginning the next sequence of the Applicant or Co-Applicant's subsidy, place the voucher in Approved Leave from the subsidy begin date until the Sunday prior to the semester or term begin date not to exceed sixteen (16) weeks.

# APPROPRIATE STEPS FOR A SUBSIDY BEGIN DATE MATCHING FUTURE EDUCATIONAL OR TRAINING PROGRAM'S START DATE

- STEP 1 Determine and verify the semester or term's begin and end dates.
- STEP 2 Determine and verify the begin date of the future semester or term
- STEP 3 End the subsidy the Saturday prior to the begin date of the future semester or term.
- STEP 4 Place the vouchers in Approved leave beginning the Sunday following the end date of the current semester or term not to exceed sixteen (16) weeks.

#### SELF-EMPLOYMENT SUBSIDY END DATE

The subsidy period for a self-employed Applicant or Co-Applicant who has filed an Automatic Extension of Time to File US Individual Income Tax, IRS form 4868, may not exceed six (6) months from the original IRS tax filing deadline. (I.E. If the IRS tax filing deadline was April 17, 2012, the subsidy end date for the Applicant or Co-Applicant may not exceed October 17, 2012.)

### VOUCHER BEGIN DATE



#### SUBSIDY USAGE POLICY

A CCDF Applicant or Co-Applicant must utilize child care services, for a specific child, for at least one week during an appropriately determined CCDF Subsidy Period.

It is the responsibility of the Intake Agent to establish an appropriate voucher period for each Applicant and Co-Applicant based on their service need and appropriate CCDF policies. The voucher begin date is the date the eligible child(ren) **will** begin receiving services from a specific CCDF Eligible Provider. To establish a voucher begin date, the Intake Agent must consider:

- ✓ The Applicant and Co-Applicant's subsidy period; and
- ✓ The period of time child care is needed for a specific child; and
- ✓ Availability of their CCDF Eligible Provider; and
- ✓ The appropriate CCDF policies.

#### **VOUCHER BEGIN DATE DEFINITION**

The date a voucher is considered valid for reimbursement to a CCDF Eligible Provider. The first voucher begin date may be the same as the subsidy begin date unless the CCDF Applicant or Co-Applicant has requested alternate begin date or has been placed on Approved Leave.

#### **VOUCHER END DATE DEFINITION**

The date the voucher is no longer considered valid for reimbursement to a CCDF Eligible Provider.

### **HOURS OF CARE**

When authorizing child care subsidy, the service need must be entered as a unit of days and a unit of whole hours. The Intake Agent should choose the combination of days and hours which best meets the Applicant and Co-Applicant's needs. The Intake Agent should consider the impact of the Applicant and Co-Applicant's failure to utilize the voucher fully when creating vouchers. Applicants or Co-Applicants attending less than full-time will receive one-half of the authorized subsidy for a pay period unless the parent has used a personal day. Therefore, it is imperative an Applicant or Co-Applicant's subsidy is appropriately determined and accurately reflects documentation of service need at the time of application. Vouchers may be created with a full-time weekly charge, a daily charge or an hourly charge to accommodate the Applicant and Co-Applicant's situation.

#### **▼FULL TIME AUTHORIZATIONS**

#### **FULL TIME WEEKLY DEFINITION**

Full-time Weekly is defined as care provided for 25 hours or more per week, Sunday through Saturday, for non-school age children or school-age other children when school is not in session or when care is required during non-traditional hours. For school age children, when school is in session, full-time weekly care is defined as fifteen (15) hours or more per week Sunday through Saturday.

#### NON-SCHOOL AGE AND SCHOOL AGE OTHER CHILDREN

#### SCHOOL-AGE OTHER DEFINITION

School-age other care is defined as child care provided for a break in school which is greater than one (1) week, for care provided outside of Monday through Friday 6:00 am -6:00 pm, and care provided to sick children.

#### SCHOOL AGE AND FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN

#### FULL TIME WEEKLY SCHOOL-AGE DEFINITION

Full-time Weekly is defined as care provided for fifteen (15) hours or more per week, Sunday through Saturday, for school-age children when school is in session.



#### FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN POLICY

A CCDF Eligible Child attending Kindergarten on a full-day basis is considered a School-Age child for purposes of authorization

### **▼PART-TIME AUTHORIZATION**

If an Applicant or Co-Applicant is not eligible or does not request 25 hours or more of child care per week for Non-School Age or School Age Other Care or 15 hours or more for School-Age Care, the Intake Agent must determine if a daily or hourly voucher is appropriate.

#### **DAILY CARE DEFINITION**

Daily care is defined as four (4) hours or more for non-school age and schoolage other care and three (3) hours or more for school-age children during the school year.

# NON-SCHOOL AGE AND SCHOOL AGE OTHER CHILDREN DAILY AUTHORIZATION

When an Applicant or Co-Applicant's daily child care need is equivalent to four (4) hours or more, a daily voucher may be established if the CCDF eligible provider has documented daily charges on the CCDF Provider Information Page. If a daily authorization is not appropriate, an hourly voucher must be established if the CCDF eligible provider has documented hourly charges on the CCDF Provider Information Page.



#### PROVIDER CHARGES POLICY

A CCDF Intake Agent may not establish part-time charges for a CCDF Eligible Provider.

# SCHOOL AGE AND FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN DAILY AUTHORIZATION

When an Applicant or Co-Applicant's daily child care need is equivalent 3 hours or more, a daily voucher may be established if the CCDF eligible provider has documented daily charges on the CCDF Provider Information Page. If a daily authorization is not appropriate, an hourly voucher must be established if the CCDF eligible provider has documented hourly charges on the CCDF Provider Information Page.



#### PROVIDER CHARGES POLICY

A CCDF Intake Agent may not establish part-time charges for a CCDF eligible provider.

### **▼PERSONAL/ABSENT DAYS**



#### PERSONAL / ABSENT DAYS POLICY

Personal/Absent Days are provided to children who are enrolled on a full-time weekly basis. These 20 days per enrollment year may be used at the parent's discretion for days when the provider was open for business and the child was scheduled to attend but did not attend any part of the day.

When an Applicant or Co-Applicant has exhausted their twenty (20) personal/absent days, the Applicant or Co-Applicant is responsible to pay for any days not reimbursed by CCDF subsidy per provider policy. Personal days may not be used to provide two week notices, therefore, any requirement for notice is between the Applicant or Co-Applicant and their provider.

#### PERSONAL/ABSENT DAYS EXCEPTION

If a child with special health situations (i.e. prolonged illness or injury) has exhausted their personal days, the treating physician is to document the child's need for treatment and/or recuperation. This prescribed time may result in absences in excess of twenty (20) days. The Intake Agent may submit documentation for consideration requesting additional personal/absent days to the CCDF Policy Consultant on behalf of the Applicant or Co-Applicant.

### **◄HOLIDAYS OR SCHEDULED DAYS OF CLOSURE**

#### **HOLIDAY DEFINITION**

Holidays are defined as a provider's six (6) chosen dates of closure per calendar year for which the child's attendance is credited as documented on the child's CCDF voucher.



#### PROVIDER HOLIDAY ELIGIBILITY POLICY

A provider is eligible to choose holidays if they have an established written policy to charge all consumers for days they are closed and the proper documentation has been submitted timely to the Central Reimbursement Office.



#### CHILD HOLIDAY ELIGIBILITY POLICY

A child is eligible for holiday attendance when they have electronically documented their attendance at least one day in the 21 days prior to the holiday.

## **AUTHORIZING HOURS OF CARE**

After reviewing all relevant information needed to complete the application, State Form 805, the Intake Agent (not the Applicant or Co-applicant) must determine the appropriate amount of child care.



#### DETERMINING HOURS OF CARE POLICY

Total hours of care is determined by the amount of child care needed through evaluation of the Applicant and Co-Applicant's valid service need. This determination is based on the amount of time the Applicant and Co-Applicant has or will participate in their documented activity, their

travel time to and from their activity and if applicable, the amount of time the Applicant anticipates they will spend studying.

#### THE FOLLOWING LIMITS APPLY WHEN AUTHORIZING HOURS OF CARE



#### MINIMUM HOURS OF AUTHORIZATION POLICY

At a minimum the total hours of care in the appropriate combination of hours and days, must meet at least the lesser of the Applicant's or Co-Applicant's determined child care need.



#### TRAVEL TIME AUTHORIZATION POLICY

Travel time to and from the Applicant or Co-Applicant's activity may not exceed ten (10) hours for full-time child care need and five (5) hours for part-time child care need.



#### STUDY TIME AUTHORIZATION POLICY

Study time may not exceed two (2) hours per credit hour or two (2) hours per participation hour.

# ANOTHER FACTOR TO CONSIDER WHEN DETERMINING HOURS OF AUTHORIZATION

➤ CCDF Eligible Provider's Hours of Operation compared to the Applicant or Co-Applicant's Hours of Need.

The Intake Agent must document their calculation of service need hours in the Applicant file. Sample worksheets may be found in the back of this manual.

# **▲AMERICORPS**AUTHORIZING HOURS OF CARE

Child care subsidy may be authorized for children when the Applicant or Co-Applicant is participating in Americorps. The Applicant or Co-Applicant must provide appropriate documentation of Americorps to receive child care subsidy. Child care subsidy can be authorized based on hours of service.

#### DETERMINING HOURS OF CARE FOR AMERICORPS

Using the Sponsor Statement, the Intake Agent must calculate the Applicant and Co-Applicant's child care need based on the documented hours of service.

Documented hours of service per week + (*plus*) Travel time not to exceed ten (10) hours for full-time child care need and five (5) hours for part-time child care need.

The equation provides the hours of authorization needed for service. The Intake Agent should then ask the average number of days per week the Applicant or Co-Applicant expects participate in service.

# **◀APPROVED LEAVE**AUTHORIZING HOURS OF CARE

Child care subsidy will not be authorized for children when the Applicant or Co-Applicant has appropriately documented an Approved Leave, however, eligibility will be maintained.

#### DETERMINING HOURS OF CARE BASED ON APPROVED LEAVE

Total hours of care for an Applicant or Co-Applicant <u>returning from</u> Approved Leave are equivalent to the total hours of care for the prior documented activity.

# **◆CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES** ► AUTHORIZING HOURS OF CARE

Child care subsidy may be authorized for children when the Applicant or Co-Applicant has appropriately documented a need of Child Protective Services.

#### DETERMINING HOURS OF CARE BASED ON CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES

The Intake Agent shall authorize child care subsidy based on the information provided by the CPS caseworker. (See Child Protective Services page 49-50.) The Applicant and Co-Applicant are not eligible for travel time.

# **▼EDUCATION AND TRAINING** ► AUTHORIZING HOURS OF CARE

Child care subsidy may be authorized for children when the Applicant or Co-Applicant are participating in an education or training program. The Applicant and Co-Applicant must provide appropriate documentation for their training or education program to receive child care subsidy. Child care subsidy can be authorized based on documented credit or participation hours as well as study and travel.

#### DETERMINING HOURS OF CARE FOR TRAINING/EDUCATION

#### > CREDIT HOURS

Using the Applicant or Co-Applicant's school documentation, the Intake Agent may calculate the Applicant or Co-Applicant's child care need based on enrolled credit hours.

Documented credit hours

- + (*plus*) Applicant or Co-Applicant's requested study time not to exceed two (2) hours per credit hour
- + (plus) Documented Clinical/Externship/Practicum/Internship hours
- + (plus) Travel time not to exceed ten (10) hours for full-time child care need and five (5) hours for part-time child care need.

The equation provides the hours of authorization needed for education/training. The Intake Agent should then ask the average number of days per week the Applicant or Co-Applicant expects to participate in education/training.

#### > PARTICIPATION HOURS

Using the Applicant and Co-Applicant's school documentation, the Intake Agent may calculate the Applicant or Co-Applicant's child care need based on enrolled participation hours.

Documented participation hours

- + (plus) Applicant or Co-Applicant's requested study time not to exceed two (2) hours per participation hour
- + (plus) Documented Clinical/Practicum/Externship/Internship hours
- + (plus) Travel time not to exceed ten (10) hours for full-time child care need and five (5) hours for part-time child care need.

The equation provides the hours of authorization needed for education/training. The Intake Agent should then ask the average number of days per week the Applicant or Co-Applicant expects participate in education/training.

#### > TANF IMPACT CLIENTS

If the Applicant or Co-Applicant is a TANF Impact client participating in a education/training program, including Community Work Experience, the following applies:



# HOURS OF CARE FOR A TANF IMPACT APPLICANT POLICY

Total hours of care for a TANF Impact client should be based on a minimum of 30 hours unless otherwise indicated on the valid TANF Impact child care referral.

# **■EMPLOYMENT**AUTHORIZING HOURS OF CARE

Child care subsidy may be authorized for children when the Applicant or Co-Applicant is participating in an employment activity. The Applicant and Co-Applicant must be able to document the complete current period's income as well as hours worked in the current period before child care subsidy can be authorized. This income, however, may not represent an entire pay cycle. Therefore, the Intake Agent must determine the number of weeks worked in the current period.

#### DETERMINING HOURS OF CARE BASED ON EMPLOYMENT

The Intake Agent must calculate the Applicant and Co-Applicant's child care need based on the documented hours worked.

Total Hours worked in the current period Divided by the number of weeks worked

The equation provides the hours of authorization needed for employment. The Intake Agent should then ask the average number of days per week the Applicant or Co-Applicant works. The Applicant or Co-Applicant is eligible for travel time not to exceed ten (10) hours for full-time child care need and five (5) hours for part-time child care need.

**PLEASE NOTE:** For TANF Impact authorization see Authorizing Hours of Care – TANF

#### HOURS OF CARE EXCEPTION



#### **EVENING WORK HOURS EXCEPTION POLICY**

Applicants and Co-Applicants whose work hours cross over a midnight may request child care to provide an opportunity for rest if child care is not needed during work hours. The amount of child care authorized must correspond with their documented service need.

# **◄INCAPACITATION**► AUTHORIZING HOURS OF CARE

Child care subsidy authorized for children when the Applicant or Co-Applicant has appropriate documentation of incapacitation depends on their household composition:

#### TWO CUSTODIAL ADULTS WITHIN A CCDF HOUSEHOLD

- ➤ If CCDF Household includes one custodial adult actively participating in their service need and one custodial adult incapacitated (either permanently or temporarily), the Intake Agent shall authorize child care subsidy equivalent to the total hours of care for the custodial adult actively participating in their service need.
- ➤ If CCDF Household includes one custodial adult temporarily incapacitated and one custodial adult permanently incapacitated, the Intake Agent shall authorize child care subsidy equivalent to the total hours of care for the actively participating custodial adult's prior documented activity.
- ➤ If CCDF Household includes two custodial adults temporarily incapacitated, the Intake Agent shall authorize child care subsidy equivalent to the total hours of care for their prior documented activity.

#### SINGLE CUSTODIAL ADULT WITHIN A CCDF HOUSEHOLD

➤ The Intake Agent shall authorize child care subsidy equivalent to the total hours of care for their prior documented activity.

# **◀JOB SEARCH**AUTHORIZING HOURS OF CARE

Child care subsidy may be authorized for children when the Applicant or Co-Applicant is participating in job search. The Applicant or Co-Applicant must provide appropriate documentation of Job Search to receive child care subsidy. The child care subsidy authorized will vary depending on the Applicant or Co-Applicant's priority.

#### DETERMINING HOURS OF CARE FOR JOB SEARCH

**➤** Non-TANF Impact



## HOURS OF CARE FOR A NON-TANF IMPACT APPLICANT POLICY

Total hours of care for non-TANF Impact Applicant or Co-Applicant participating in job search is equivalent to the total hours of care for the prior documented activity.

- > TANF Impact (See Authorizing Hours of Care TANF page 92.)
- > TANF Applicant Job Search



#### HOURS OF CARE FOR A TANF AJS APPLICANT POLICY

Total hours of care for a TANF AJS Applicant or Co-Applicant should be based on the hours stated for job search indicated on the valid TANF AJS child care referral.

# **◀NEW EMPLOYMENT** ► AUTHORIZING HOURS OF CARE

Child care subsidy may be authorized for children when the Applicant or Co-Applicant is participating in an employment activity. A newly employed Applicant and Co-Applicant will not able to document income, however, child care authorized based on documentation of estimated hours to be worked.

#### DETERMINING HOURS OF CARE FOR NEW EMPLOYMENT

Using the Employer Statement, the Intake Agent must calculate the Applicant and Co-Applicant's child care need based on the estimated hours to be worked per week.

Estimated hours to be worked in the current period + (plus) Travel time not to exceed ten (10) hours for full-time child care need and five (5) hours for part-time child care need.

The equation provides the hours of authorization needed for new employment. The Intake Agent should then ask the average number of days per week the Applicant or Co-Applicant expects to work.

# **◆ON-THE-JOB TRAINING** ► AUTHORIZING HOURS OF CARE

Child care subsidy may be authorized for children when the Applicant or Co-Applicant is participating in on-the-job training. The Applicant and Co-Applicant must provide appropriate documentation of on-the-job training to receive child care subsidy. Child care subsidy can be authorized based on documented anticipated hours of training per week.

#### DETERMINING HOURS OF CARE FOR ON-THE-JOB TRAINING

Using the Employer Statement, the Intake Agent must calculate the Applicant and Co-Applicant's child care need based on the estimated hours in training per week.

Estimated hours in training per week + (plus) Travel time not to exceed ten (10) hours for full-time child care need and five (5) hours for part-time child care need.

The equation provides the hours of authorization needed for on-the-job training. The Intake Agent should then ask the average number of days per week the Applicant or Co-Applicant expects to participate in training.

# **◀SELF EMPLOYMENT**AUTHORIZING HOURS OF CARE

Child care subsidy may be authorized for children when the Applicant or Co-Applicant is participating in their self- employment activity. The Applicant and Co-Applicant must be able to document revenue in current period before child care subsidy can be authorized.

#### DETERMINING HOUR OF CARE BASED ON SELF-EMPLOYMENT

The Applicant or Co-Applicant must declare the amount of child care needed on the Statement of Profit and Loss (Self-Employment form).

# **▼TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES**(TANF) AUTHORIZING HOURS OF CARE

Child care subsidy may be authorized for children when the Applicant and/or Co-Applicant has provided a complete valid TANF Impact Referral.



#### HOURS OF CARE FOR A TANF IMPACT APPLICANT POLICY

Total hours of care for a TANF Impact Applicant or Co-Applicant should be based on a minimum of 30 hours unless otherwise indicated on the valid TANF Impact child care referral.

## **SHIFT CARE**

A licensed provider may decide to offer child care service during several shifts of a 24 hour day. However, CCDF children are to be assigned to an appropriate shift based on the policy below.



#### SHIFT CARE POLICY

CCDF children are to be assigned, according to their service need, to one or two 12 hour shifts.

Utilizing information obtained from the Applicant or Co-Applicant during the authorization interview or the Parent/Applicant Worksheet, the Intake Agent should assign children to the appropriate shift or shifts which accommodate their service need(s), including travel time.

Approved shifts are Shift One – 6:00 AM – 6:00 PM Shift Two – 6:00 PM – 6:00 AM

Alternate CCDF Eligible Provider shifts may be approved by BCC on a case by case basis.

A child who needs care overlapping these shifts shall be assigned to both sifts. For example: a child who need child care from 3:00 PM - 11:00 PM should be assigned to both shift one and shift two and will be counted in the provider's capacity for both shifts.



#### CCDF ELIGIBLE PROVIDER CAPACITY POLICY

The CCDF eligible licensed child care home provider may not enroll more CCDF children than their legal capacity during any twelve (12) hour shift. A CCDF eligible legally licensed exempt child care home provider is eligible to care for five children, inclusive of both shifts.

### **CCDF PROVIDER**

### **<b>▼**CCDF ELIGIBLE PROVIDER **▶**

CCDF providers are required to be certified and enrolled with the State of Indiana to receive CCDF funding. Enrollment is intended to ensure basic protections for children. To be an eligible provider with the CCDF program, a provider must:

- Be at least eighteen (18) years of age
- Be legally operating under Indiana's Child Care Regulations, including having meet applicable CCDF Provider Eligibility Standards
- Completed a registration process
- Be enrolled with the Central Reimbursement Office (CRO)

#### **CCDF ELIGIBLE PROVIDER**

CCDF Eligible Provider is defined as a provider, either licensed or exempt from being licensed by law, who has met all applicable CCDF Provider Eligibility Standards and has completed the application process. Eligible providers may include: licensed facilities and homes, unlicensed registered day care ministries, legally license-exempt child care facilities and homes, relative care (grandparent, great grandparent, aunt and/or uncle of the eligible child), and in home care.



#### **ELIGIBLE PROVIDER POLICY**

A CCDF Eligible Provider must be legally operating under Indiana's Child Care Regulations including having met applicable CCDF Provider Eligibility Standards and be at least eighteen (18) years of age.



#### PROVIDER ENROLLMENT WITH THE CRO POLICY

A provider will enroll with the Central Reimbursement Office after the provider has at least one active child care voucher. If the provider is unable to comply with enrollment requirements or refuses to complete enrollment information, the CCDF voucher(s) will be voided. Payment will not be made to the provider.

## **◆INELIGIBLE CCDF PROVIDER**

Certain providers are not eligible to receive reimbursement for child care provided despite the Applicant or Co-Applicant eligibility.





#### **CCDF INELIGIBLE PROVIDER POLICY**

The following providers are not CCDF eligible:

- The child's sibling or step siblings living in the child's household
- ➤ A child's parent or step-parent
- A child's legal guardian
- An Applicant or Co-Applicant's licensed center, unlicensed registered child care ministry, or legally-license exempt facility employer if the custodial adult is responsible for the care of their own child anytime during the child care day including their presence in the same room or outdoor play area as the child receiving benefits.
- An Applicant or Co-Applicant's employer if the employer is a legally licensed exempt home.

### **▼PROVIDER INFORMATION PAGE**



#### PROVIDER INFORMATION PAGE POLICY

To complete the application process or to complete a provider change request, the Applicant or Co-Applicant must submit a valid Provider Information Page which has been completed and signed (facsimile or electronically signed via email may be accepted) in the current period.

#### DETERMINING IF THE PROVIDER INFORMATION PAGE IS COMPLETE

A Provider Information Page is considered completed when the following included:

- ✓ Parent (Guardian) Name (may be completed by parent)
- ✓ Date Completed
- ✓ Caregiver Name or Business Name
- ✓ Street address where care is provided
- ✓ Hours/Days of Operation\*
- ✓ Child's Name
- ✓ All charge categories relevant to the child\*
- ✓ School year begin and end, if applicable\*
- ✓ Provider Signature
- \* Intake Agent may contact the provider by phone to obtain missing information denoted by a \*. This information must be verified and documented.



#### PROVIDER CHARGES POLICY

A CCDF Intake Agent may not establish part-time charges for a CCDF eligible provider.

## **▼REQUESTING A PROVIDER CHANGE**

An Applicant or Co-Applicant must initiate a request with the Intake Agent, in advance by submitting a current and complete Provider Information Page. A facsimile of this form may be accepted. The Intake Agent is not required to notify the previous provider of this change.



#### PROVIDE CHANGE REQUEST POLICY

An Applicant must initiate a provider change by submitting a complete and current Provider Information Page to the local and/or regional CCDF intake office no later than noon the day prior to the last business day of the week.

If the Applicant or Co-Applicant does not notify the Intake Agent, in advance of the change, the change will be delayed and may result in non-payment for child care provided by the unauthorized provider. An Intake Agent may initiate a data change to complete a provider change in the past ONLY if the parent submitted and the Intake Agent received the request prior to the effective date of the change.



#### PROVIDER CHANGE START DATE POLICY

A CCDF child care voucher may only be changed for a future week.

## **CHILD CARE CHARGES**

### **▼PROVIDER CHARGES**

A CCDF Eligible Provider must document their charges to provide child care to specific child through completion of a Provider Information Page.



#### **EQUALITY OF PROVIDER CHARGES POLICY**

A CCDF Eligible Provider may not charge more for services provided to a CCDF Eligible Child than they charge for the same service provided to non- CCDF Eligible Child



#### EXCLUDED PROVIDER CHARGE POLICY

CCDF Eligible Providers charging registration costs, mandatory fees, and other optional child care expenses such as art and gymnastics programs or transportation costs cannot be paid through CCDF subsidy but may be charged directly to the parent.



#### PROVIDER CHARGES POLICY

A CCDF Intake Agent may not establish part-time charges for a CCDF eligible provider.

## **◆CHILD CARE CHARGE ERRORS ON CCDF VOUCHER**

An Intake Agent will utilize the charges documented to complete an Applicant or Co-Applicant's authorization for child care and issue a CCDF voucher accordingly. If the CCDF eligible provider reports an Intake Agent error on the CCDF voucher within 45 days of issuance, CCDF subsidy may be adjusted. If the CCDF eligible provider or Applicant or Co-Applicant fails to notify the Intake Agent of an error timely, the CCDF voucher will remain unchanged.

### **CHANGES IN PROVIDER CHARGES**



#### INCREASE IN PROVIDER CHARGES POLICY

If a CCDF eligible provider increases their rates the change may only take place at the CCDF Household reauthorization, unless otherwise stated.

# **▼PROVIDERS RECEIVING ACCREDITATION OR VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATION**

A provider achieving and documenting accreditation through an approved Bureau of Child Care accrediting organization (See page 99 for a list of accrediting organizations) or participates in the BCC  $\underline{\mathbf{V}}$ oluntary  $\underline{\mathbf{C}}$ ertification  $\underline{\mathbf{P}}$ rogram (VCP) is offered an exception to the rule.



# ACCREDITED OR VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM PROVIDER CHARGE INCREASE POLICY

If a CCDF eligible provider qualifies for a higher CCDF Reimbursement Rate through accreditation or participation in the BCC Voluntary Certification Program, a voucher adjustment may be completed if the provider submits appropriate documentation within 30 days of eligibility

# STEPS TO COMPLETE AN INCREASE IN REIMBURSEMENT RATE FOR A CCDF ELIGIBLE PROVIDER BECOMING ACCREDITED OR A MINISTRY MEETING VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATION

The following procedure should be followed when a CCDF Eligible Provider becomes accredited or an Unlicensed Registered Child Care Ministry becomes Voluntarily Certified.

- STEP 1 The Intake Agent is notified by the Bureau of Child Care the CCDF Eligible Provider has been accredited or certified.
- STEP 2 The Intake Agent contacts the CCDF Eligible Provider to congratulate them and notify them they may be eligible for higher CCDF Reimbursement Rate. The Intake Agent should explain the provider must submit a new Provider Information Page for all children participating in CCDF within 30 days of their notice.
- STEP 3 The Intake Agent should document the date the provider was notified.
- STEP 4 The Intake Agent receives and date stamps new Provider Information Pages from the CCDF Eligible Provider.
- STEP 5 The Intake Agent will have a maximum of five business days to complete a provider change to establish the new subsidy rate.
- STEP 6 The Intake Agent mails new vouchers to the CCDF Eligible Provider.

STEP 7 If the Provider Information Page is not received by the Intake Agent within 30 days of BCC approval, the change will only take place at the time of CCDF re-authorization.

### **▼PROVIDERS VOLUNTARILY REDUCING RATES**

On some occasions, the Intake Agent may be notified a CCDF Eligible Provider has reduced some or all of their rate categories. The Intake Agent must complete revisions to CCDF Eligible Children's voucher affected by the rate decrease.

# STEPS TO COMPLETE A DECREASE IN REIMBURSEMENT RATE FOR A CCDF ELIGIBLE PROVIDER REDUCING THEIR RATES

If a CCDF Eligible Provider notifies the Intake Agent of a rate reduction, all vouchers for Eligible Children must be corrected.

- STEP 1 The Intake Agent should confirm the date of the rate change with the CCDF Eligible Provider.
- STEP 2 The Intake Agent should request new Provider Information Pages for each affected CCDF Eligible Child within ten (10) calendar days.
- STEP 3 The Intake Agent will have a maximum of five business days to complete a provider change to establish the new subsidy rate.
- STEP 4 The Intake Agent should notify their CCDF Policy Consultant of the rate reduction and the effective date of the reduction.

# **CCDF PROVIDER REIMBURSEMENT RATES**

Although child care subsidy is based on the individual provider's charge for service, there are established maximum CCDF Reimbursement Rates. These maximum rates are determined by a local CCDF Reimbursement Rate survey of Indiana licensed child care providers.

## **CCDF REIMBURSEMENT RATES**

CCDF Reimbursement Rates are defined as the county maximum reimbursement rates for child care by age category and provider type determined through a local CCDF Reimbursement Rate survey of Indiana's licensed child care providers.

# CCDF REIMBURSEMENT RATE PROVIDER CATEGORIES

For purposes of CCDF Reimbursement Rates Provider types are defined as:

- Accredited Child Care Center
- > Accredited Child Care Home
- Certified Unlicensed Registered Child Care Ministry
- ➤ Licensed Child Care Center
- ➤ Licensed Child Care Home
- ➤ Legally License Exempt Child Care Facilities, including Unlicensed Registered Child Care Ministry
- ➤ Legally License Exempt Home

# **CCDF APPROVED ACCREDITING ORGANIZATION**

Accredited providers have entered a voluntary system which evaluates their childcare program against specific criteria in areas of curriculum, health and safety, parent communication, and staff qualifications which has been validated by a nationally recognized early childhood organization. These providers are eligible for a higher rate of reimbursement in recognition of this commitment to quality child care.

- > ACSI (American Christian Schools International)
- > COA (Council on Accreditation)
- ➤ NAA (National After School Accreditation)
- ➤ NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children)
- ➤ NAFCC (National Association of Family Child Care)
- ➤ NECPA (Nation Early Childhood Program Accreditation)

# CCDF REIMBURSEMENT RATE AGE CATEGORIES

For purposes of CCDF Reimbursement Rates Age Categories are defined as follows:

- ➤ Infant a child zero to eleven (11) months of age
- ➤ Toddler a child twelve (12) to 35 months of age
- ➤ Three (3), Four (4) or Five (5) children 36 months to five (5) years of age
- ➤ Kindergarten a child enrolled in half-day kindergarten or a child six (6) years of age regardless of whether they are attending kindergarten
- ➤ School-Age a child attending school for the entire day needing care during traditional hours, including children attending all day kindergarten

➤ School-Age Other – a school-age child enrolled in care outside of Monday through Friday 6:00 am – 6:00 pm, or a child needing sick care, or a child attending child care during a break in school which is greater than one (1) week

**PLEASE NOTE**: A child's voucher should be assigned a new age category the Sunday following their birthday, unless their birthday falls on a Sunday in which case the new voucher shall be assigned on the child's birthday.

# SCHOOL-AGE CHILD CARE REIMBURSEMENT EXCEPTIONS

In accordance with CCDF Direct Service Funds federal restrictions, funds may not be used for children enrolled in grades one (1) through twelve (12) for:

- Any service provided to such students during the regular school day; or
- Any service for which such students receive academic credit toward graduation; or
- Any services duplicating an academic program of any public or private school.



#### **NANNY CARE**

Nanny care is defined as child care services provided by an individual over 18 years of age who comes into the child's own home and does not reside at the child's address.

# NANNY CARE REQUIREMENTS

An Applicant or Co-Applicant may be eligible for Nanny Care, however, certain conditions apply.



# NANNY CARE REQUIREMENT POLICY

An Applicant is eligible for nanny care CCDF subsidy when at least three (3) CCDF Household members are eligible for child care assistance unless otherwise approved by Bureau of Child Care.

In addition to the above, to be eligible for Nanny Care the Applicant, Co-Applicant and Nanny must meet Provider Eligibility Requirements. It is possible for an Applicant or Co-Applicant to fail Provider Eligibility Requirements and still be authorized for CCDF subsidy through another CCDF Eligible Provider.

#### NANNY CARE EXCEPTIONS

In the following situations a CCDF Applicant and Co-Applicant may be eligible to utilize nanny care, with BCC approval, regardless of the number of CCDF Eligible Children within the CCDF Household

A Foster Applicant and Co-Applicant with at least three (3) foster children in their care forming one or more CCDF Households (*Continued next page.*)

An appropriately documented medically fragile child when the child's physician has determined care outside of the home may be dangerous to the child's health.

# REIMBURSEMENT MAXIMUM FOR NANNY CARE



#### NANNY CARE REIMBURSEMENT RATE POLICY

CCDF reimbursement for nanny care is calculated per CCDF Household at an hourly rate consistent with the current federal minimum wage. Therefore, there is one rate for all eligible children. The CCDF Reimbursement Rate does not apply in this situation.

When the child care authorization has been established based on the Applicant and Co-Applicant's child care need, the Intake Agent must use the following formula to determine the CCDF subsidy.

# Current Minimum Wage

Number of Children = The Hourly Rate of Child Care



#### NANNY CARE REIMBURSEMENT CALCULATION POLICY

Reimbursement for in-home or nanny care is calculated based on the attendance of the eligible CCDF child attending the greatest number of hours, not to exceed 40 hours in a one week period, Sunday through Saturday.

After attendance has been documented for all eligible children within the CCDF Household, a reimbursement is calculated and deposited into the account of the Applicant or Co-Applicant.



#### NANNY CARE REIMBURSEMENT PAYMENT POLICY

Reimbursement for nanny care will be paid to the parent and not the provider of care who is classified by the Internal Revenue Service as a domestic service worker.

Due to the status of the CCDF eligible provider, the IRS form 1099 will not be issued to the parent or the provider. It is the responsibility of the parent to reimburse the Nanny as well as document the total child care reimbursed for purposes of IRS reporting and BCC inquiry.



# FAILURE TO REIMBURSE A NANNY POLICY

Failure of the Applicant to pay the nanny (in-home) provider for reimbursed CCDF services will result in termination.

# CHILD CARE SUBSIDY

#### CHILD CARE SUBSIDY

Child care subsidy is defined as the maximum child care reimbursement less applicable co-payment.

# **◆CHILD CARE SUBSIDY MAXIMUMS**

After the Intake Agent has authorized child care and recorded the CCDF eligible child care provider's charges, the Automated Intake Software will calculate the CCDF child care subsidy.

## > PROVIDER CHARGES LESS THAN CCDF REIMBURSEMENT RATES

When the CCDF Eligible Provider's charges are less than the CCDF Reimbursement Rate, the provider's actual charge is the maximum child care subsidy.



#### CCDF REIMBURSEMENT RATE POLICY

A child care subsidy may not exceed the CCDF Eligible Provider's charges for care.

#### > PROVIDER CHARGES MORE THAN CCDF REIMBURSEMENT RATES

When the CCDF eligible child care provider's charges are greater than the CCDF Reimbursement Rate, the maximum subsidy will not exceed the established CCDF Reimbursement Rate determined by the CCDF Eligible Provider's category and the age of the eligible child. In these situations, the Applicant and Co-Applicant must assume responsibility for the additional cost of care also called an "overage". A CCDF Eligible Provider may be willing to accept a lower rate of reimbursement. This would be an agreement between the CCDF eligible provider and the Applicant or Co-Applicant.

# **OVERAGE**

An overage is defined as the portion of a provider's charges which exceed the applicable county CCDF Reimbursement Rate and may be charged to the Applicant and Co-Applicant.



#### CCDF MAXIMUM REIMBURSEMENT RATE POLICY

A child care subsidy may not exceed the applicable CCDF Reimbursement Rate except in documented cases of special needs.

# CHILD CARE SUBSIDY MAXIMUM EXCEPTION

If an Applicant or Co-Applicant has an eligible child with documented special needs within their CCDF Household, the child care subsidy may exceed established maximums by 10% in certain circumstances.



# CHILD WITH SPECIAL NEEDS REIMBURSEMENT RATE POLICY

CCDF subsidy may exceed the CCDF Reimbursement Rate by 10% in cases of children with documented special need, however, may not exceed the CCDF Eligible Provider's charges.

# **◆DETERMINING CHILD CARE SUBSIDY**

#### PART TIME CHILD CARE AUTHORIZATION

When child care authorizations are established using the CCDF eligible provider's charges on an hourly or daily basis, the child care subsidy will be calculated applying the following CCDF Policies:



**Daily Authorizations:** On a daily basis, the child care daily subsidy should never exceed the weekly rate except in documented cases of special needs.



**Hourly Authorizations:** On an hourly basis, the hourly subsidy should never exceed the daily rate except in documented cases of special needs.



**Weekly Authorizations:** On a weekly basis, the child care subsidy should never exceed the weekly rate except in documented cases of special needs.

# **<b>▼**CCDF CO-PAYMENTS **▶**

## **CO-PAYMENT**

A co-payment is defined as, a weekly fee for child care based on the CCDF Household's income exceeding 100% of the federal poverty guidelines and their years of CCDF participation utilizing the Division of Family Resources Child Care Income Eligibility Determination and Sliding Fee Scale.

The Applicant or Co-Applicant's subsidy will be determined by applying the appropriate CCDF subsidy maximum less any applicable co-payment. The CCDF Eligible Provider <u>must</u> collect the co-payment from the parent on a regular basis. This charge for care may not be waived by the CCDF Eligible Provider.



## **CO-PAYMENT POLICY**

The Applicant and Co-Applicant are responsible for weekly co-payment amount determined at the time of authorization regardless of the child(ren)'s attendance and is paid directly to the provider.

# FAILURE OF APPLICANT TO PAY A CO-PAYMENT

If an Applicant or Co-Applicant fails to pay their weekly co-payment in full, the CCDF Eligible Provider must contact the Intake Agent within 30 calendar days from the first missed payment. This may result in the termination of the Applicant and Co-Applicant from the CCDF Voucher Program if balance is not paid in full or an acceptable payment arrangement established with the CCDF Eligible Provider.



#### NON PAYMENT OF CO-PAYMENT POLICY

A CCDF Household may be terminated if the Applicant or Co-Applicant fails to pay the required co-payment.

## CHANGES TO CCDF WEEKLY CO-PAYMENT

If a co-payment is changed after an application has been signed, the Applicant and Co-Applicant, as well as, the CCDF Eligible Provider must receive at least a written ten (10) calendar day notice indicating the applicable changes. If this change occurs at reauthorization, the change will take effect as of the subsidy begin date without notice.

# **COMPLETING THE AUTHORIZATION PROCESS**

When completing the authorization process, the Intake Agent will gather statistical information about the Applicant and Co-Applicant.

# REQUIRED STATISTICAL INFORMATION

The following statistical information must be collected:

- ➤ Relationship of each CCDF Household Member to the Applicant
- ➤ Gender of each CCDF Household Member
- ➤ Hoosier Healthwise or Medicaid Participation
- ➤ Hispanic or Latino ethnic background, if applicable
- > Race
  - American Indian or Alaskan Native
  - Asian
  - Black or African American
  - Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
  - White
- ➤ Highest grade completed
- > Highest degree attained
- ➤ CCDF Eligible Child(ren)'s participation in pre-school services
- ➤ Listing of other services provided

# **CARD ISSUANCE**

After a CCDF authorization has been completed and vouchers have been created, the Intake Agent must issue Applicant, Co-Applicant, and Authorized Representative, if applicable, a Hoosier Works for Child Care card supplied by BCC. When properly used, this card will transmit information to the <u>Central Reimbursement Office</u> (CRO) electronically. This information is used to calculate the CCDF Eligible Provider's child care reimbursement which is electronically deposited into the CCDF eligible provider's bank account on the date specified.



# HOOSIER WORKS FOR CHILD CARE CARD ISSUANCE POLICY

An Applicant and Co-Applicant are eligible for one Hoosier Works for Child Care card and may elect to identify one additional person to serve as an Authorized Representative.

# STEPS FOR ISSUING A HOOSIER WORKS FOR CHILD CARE CARD

# CCDF APPLICANT AND CO-APPLICANT, IF APPLICABLE

- STEP 1 Complete the Hoosier Works for Child Care Authorization form for each card issued. The form may be signed by the CCDF Applicant or Co-Applicant, if applicable
- STEP 2 Activate the Hoosier Works for Child Care Card following AIS procedures
- STEP 3 Provide the Hoosier Works for Child Care Card training either by video demonstration or instructions provided verbally or in writing.

## **CCDF AUTHORIZED USER**

- STEP 1 Obtain the CCDF Applicant or Co-Applicant's signed authorization for issuance utilizing the CCDF Hoosier Works for Child Care Authorization form. The Authorized User must be over the age of 18 or a minor parent with proof of relationship to the eligible child. This user must be willing to accept full responsibility for the Applicant or Co-Applicant's attendance activity.
- STEP 2 Complete the Authorized User's information on the CCDF Hoosier Works for Child Care Authorization form, including signature and obtaining a copy of the Authorized User's picture identification.
- STEP 3 Activate the Hoosier Works for Child Care Card following AIS procedures.
- STEP 4 Provide the Hoosier Works for Child Care Card training either by video demonstration or instructions provided verbally or in writing.

## LOST, STOLEN OR INOPERABLE CARD REPLACEMENTS

- STEP 1 Obtain the Hoosier Works for Child Care Cardholder's signature on the CCDF Hoosier Works for Child Care Authorization form. A facsimile of the signature will be accepted.
- STEP 2 Activate the Hoosier Works for Child Care Card following AIS procedures.
- STEP 3 Deliver the Hoosier Works for Child Care Card in the method agreed upon.
- STEP 4 If the inoperable card was returned, it should be destroyed and logged for audit purposes.

# **◄HOOSIER WORKS FOR CHILD CARE CARD USAGE**

The Applicant and Co-Applicant will use their Hoosier Works for Child Care card to document their Eligible Child(ren)'s attendance by using a Point of Service (POS) device available at a CCDF Eligible Provider's facility.



#### POINT OF SERVICE DEVICE USAGE POLICY

An Applicant, Co-Applicant or Authorized User must document their eligible child(ren)'s attendance by using a Point of Service device available at the authorized provider's facility each day they attend.

While it is the expectation the Applicant and Co-Applicant will document their eligible child's attendance on a daily basis, the POS device does provide an opportunity to record previous day's attendance as a "back-swipe" or documented personal day usage.



# PREVIOUS DAY ATTENDANCE POLICY

An Applicant, Co-Applicant or Authorized User may electronically document a previous day's attendance for up to thirteen 13 prior calendar days to avoid non-payment.

# **▼TERMINATING CHILD CARE FOR INACTIVITY**

When an Applicant or Co-Applicant does not document attendance on a regular basis, the Applicant and Co-Applicant are at risk of losing the CCDF child care subsidy.



#### TERMINATION FOR INACTIVITY POLICY

Failure of an Applicant or Co-Applicant to electronically document their child(ren)'s attendance for more than 60 days will be considered voluntary termination of the child(ren) from the CCDF Voucher Program without notice.

## STEPS TO TERMINATE AN APPLICANT FOR INACTIVITY

When the Applicant's name appears on the 60-Day No Swipe Activity Report, the Intake Agent shall:

- STEP 1 Terminate the child's authorization the Saturday following the 60<sup>th</sup> day.
- STEP 2 Provide written notice to the Applicant and Co-Applicant including:
  - ✓ Eligible Child's Name
  - ✓ Date of Termination
- STEP 3 Provide written notice to the CCDF eligible provider including:
  - ✓ Applicant Name
  - ✓ Eligible Child's Name
  - ✓ Date of Termination
- STEP 4 Terminate the case, if there are no active CCDF recipients. Document action taken in AIS case notes.

**PLEASE NOTE:** This termination is appealable using normal appeal procedures.

# **◄IMPROPER USE** ► OF THE HOOSIER WORK FOR CHILD CARE CARD

The Applicant, Co-Applicant and Authorized User have agreed, by their signature, to prohibit anyone other than themselves to use their Hoosier Works for Child Care card. The Applicant and Co-Applicant or Authorized User may not give their card or card number as well as their PIN number to their CCDF Eligible Provider or any other individual. The Applicant, Co-Applicant or Authorized User may not leave their Hoosier Works for Child Care card in the possession of the CCDF Eligible Provider or any staff or household member.

# STEPS TO FOLLOW WHEN A HOOSIER WORKS CARD HAS BEEN FOUND IN THE PROVIDER'S POSSESSION

If the Applicant, Co-Applicant or Authorized User's card is found in the possession of another individual, the following procedure must be followed by the Intake Agent.

- STEP 1 Notification is received by the Bureau of Child Care to de-active an Applicant, Co-Applicant or Authorized User's Hoosier Works for Child Care Card.
- STEP 2 Deactivate the Hoosier Works for Child Care card.
- STEP 3 Send Applicant, Co-applicant or Authorized User a written 10 calendar day notice to obtain a new card.

- STEP 4 Require the cardholder to sign a new Hoosier Work for Child Care Authorization form.
- STEP 5 Complete a Parent Non-Compliance form.
- STEP 6 Require the cardholder to watch the Hoosier Works for Child Care video training.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If a cardholder allows someone else to use their Hoosier Works for Child Care card, CCDF subsidy may be terminated.

# MAINTAINING ELIGIBILITY and RE-AUTHORIZATION

# MAINTAINING ELIGIBILITY / REAUTHORIZATION



#### INFORMATION SHARING POLICY

It is permissible to exchange Applicant information between the Intake Agent and the Local DFR or Impact Provider if allowed by law, and vice versa, when necessary for the administration of the program. Other parties requesting Applicant information must have the written permission of the client or must obtain a court order.

# **<b>⋖**COMPLETE FILE ▶



## REQUIREMENT FOR A COMPLETE FILE POLICY

A complete Applicant file shall be maintained by the Intake Agent and shall include all appropriate documentation as outlined in the CCDF Policy and Procedure manual.



## COMPLETE FILE REQUIREMENTS POLICY

The Intake Agent is responsible for the safe transport, secure storage, accuracy, maintenance, and scanning of Applicant and Co-Applicant files until transfer to the State. In addition, the Intake Agent must maintain closed Applicant and Co-Applicant files for the period of time identified in their CCDF contract.



#### TRANSITION FILE POLICY

Files transitioned from an Intake Agent which has ceased to operate to a new grantee shall be considered accurate for purposes of eligibility until the Applicant or Co-Applicant has completed a re-authorization or an update or until BCC has completed a monitoring and audit review.

# **▼REQUIREMENTS FOR A COMPLETE FILE**

The Intake Agent must assure each Applicant and Co-Applicant file is complete. A complete file should include the following.

- ✓ Application, State Form 805, with all eligibility criteria complete
- ✓ Application, State Form 805, or Parent/Applicant Worksheet signed and dated
- ✓ Application, State Form 805, signed by Intake Agent and dated with date of data entry into AIS

- ✓ All required verifications (*continued next page*)
- ✓ Current signed Provider Information Page (facsimile signatures are acceptable)
- ✓ Signed Parent's Rights and Obligations Form
- ✓ Signed Hoosier Works for Child Care Authorization form, if applicable
- ✓ Copy of the AIS Pre-Voucher report
- ✓ A completed Parent/Applicant Worksheet, if applicable
- ✓ Complete TANF referral, if applicable
- ✓ Other documentation, as required
- ✓ Electronic notes pertaining to any notification, adverse action, reported changes, appeal or other relevant information must be entered into AIS and/or scanned.

# **■QUALITY ASSURANCE (QA) REVIEW**



## QUALITY ASSURANCE REQUIREMENT POLICY

It is the Intake Agent's responsibility to maintain data integrity and assure Applicant and Co-Applicant's eligibility is accurately determined and CCDF subsidy is appropriately authorized.

# **◆INTAKE AGENT AUDIT OF A CCDF APPLICATION**



## QUALITY ASSURANCE REQUIREMENT POLICY

The Intake Agent is required to develop a Quality Assurance process to review each completed CCDF Authorization within 21 calendar days from AIS completion date.

The Intake Agent is provided 21 calendar days from AIS application completion date to audit an Applicant file for accuracy, error correction, and verify completion. When completed timely, the Intake Agent may be able to resolve invalid or incomplete authorizations without payment reduction.

#### STEPS FOR NOTIFICATION OF FILE ERROR

If a quality assurance review identifies an invalid or incomplete authorization, the Intake Agent shall:

- STEP 1 Identify the incomplete or inappropriate documentation provided
- STEP 2 Request, in writing, the Applicant or Co-Applicant provide the appropriate documentation within ten (10) calendar days. This request must include detailed instructions on required documentation.
- STEP 3 Notification to the CCDF Eligible Provider of the parent's potential loss of benefits.
- STEP 4 Place vouchers in "Pending Status" the Sunday following the written request expiration date.



# CURRENT DEFINITION EXCEPTION FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE

For purposes of Quality Assurance, current is defined as the previous 30 day period which may include date of written request expiration date, internal quality assurance checklist or unless otherwise stated.



# CURRENT INCOME DEFINITION EXCEPTION FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE

For purposes of Quality Assurance, current income is defined as the previous 30 day period which may include Applicant or Co-Applicant signature date on the CCDF Application, State Form 805, or Parent Worksheet, unless otherwise stated.

# STEPS FOR TIMELY SUBMISSION OF QUALITY ASSURANCE CORRECTION

If an Applicant or Co-Applicant submits the requested information in the proper format in a timely manner, the Intake Agent shall follow the steps below:

STEP 1	Update the audited CCDF application sequence in AIS, if appropriate.
STEP 2	Print the CCDF application (State Form 805) if an update is completed.
STEP 3	Circle the change made, if appropriate and mark CCDF application, State Form 805, with "QA Update".
STEP 4	Intake Agent must sign and date CCDF application, State Form 805, however, Applicant or Co-Applicant signature is not required.
STEP 5	If the update results in a change to CCDF benefit authorization, written notification must be provided to the Applicant and Co-Applicant, as well as, eligible provider with ten (10) calendar day notice of change.
STEP 6	Assure all applicable documents relating to the case have been scanned including original documentation, updated documentation, and written notice.
STEP 7	Scan the Intake Agency's internal quality assurance checklist which includes identification of Intake Agent completing the review and date.

# STEPS FOR NO SUBMISSION, LATE SUBMISSION, OR INAPPROPRIATE SUBMISSION OF QUALITY ASSURANCE CORRECTION

STEP 1	Terminate the audited CCDF application sequence in AIS.
STEP 2	Print the CCDF application, State Form 805.
STEP 3	Circle the new subsidy end date and mark the CCDF application, State
	Form 805, with "QA Termination".
STEP 4	Intake Agent must sign and date CCDF application, State From 805.
STEP 5	Assure all applicable documents relating to the case have been scanned
	including original documentation and written notice.
STEP 6	Scan the Intake Agency's internal quality assurance checklist which
	includes identification of Intake Agent completing the review and date.

# **◆SCANNING A CCDF APPLICANT FILE**



# SCANNING REQUIREMENT POLICY

The CCDF Intake Agent is responsible for assuring all relevant CCDF documentation has be appropriately scanned utilizing state supported scanning software within 21 days of application or update.

# **◄**AIS QUALITY ASSURANCE REPORTS ►

The Automated Intake Software generates quality assurance reports to identify potential data errors. It is the sole responsibility of the Intake Agent to generate and review reports and correct data errors on a regular basis.

The BCC Technical Team will email weekly Quality Assurance reports which summarize the region's potential data errors. In addition, a representative of the BCC Technical Team will conduct monthly Quality Assurance Calls with the Intake Agent. The Intake Agent is required to participate in these calls. The purpose of the call is to identify potential data integrity issues, discuss upcoming software enhancements, evaluate region's performance and answer Intake Agent questions. Questions which cannot be answered by the BCC Technical Team Support Staff will be referred to the Intake Agent's CCDF Policy Consultant. A summary of all Quality Assurance calls will be provided to the Intake Agent, CCDF Policy Manager and CCDF Policy Consultant.

# MAINTAINING AN APPLICATION

When signing the Parent' Rights and Obligations form, the Applicant and Co-Applicant agree to report any change in circumstance to the Intake Agent within ten (10) calendar date of the occurrence. Some changes reported by the Applicant or Co-Applicant require action on the part of the Intake Agent including the collection of documentation. Some changes may require action, but do not require collection of documentation. Others will require no action on the part of the Applicant, Co-Applicant or Intake Agent.

# **◆ CHANGE IN CCDF HOUSEHOLD CIRCUMSTANCES**



# REQUIREMENT TO REPORT CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES POLICY

An Applicant must report the loss of a service need, change in TANF status, change in CCDF Household composition, or change in address or phone number within 10 calendar days of occurrence to the Intake Agent and provide supporting documentation, if necessary. A failure to report changes timely may result in the termination of CCDF services and result in repayment of child care benefits paid on their behalf.

#### **UPDATE DEFINITION**

An update is the process by which an Intake Agent completes a periodic review of an Applicant or Co-Applicant's information and documents changes to the application.

# **◆**CHANGES WHICH REQUIRE REPORTING ►

The following changes must be reported requiring the Intake Agent to take the appropriate action. Remind the Applicant or Co-Applicant to notify the DFR caseworker, if necessary, of any relevant change.



#### VERIFIED DOCUMENTATION POLICY

An update of verified information must include appropriate documentation as defined in the CCDF Policy and Procedure Manual



# **UN-VERIFIED DOCUMENTATION POLICY**

An update of un-verified information may be declared.

# **◄RESIDENCY** ► CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES

When the Applicant or Co-Applicant reports an address change, the Intake Agent shall:

STEP 1 Obtain appropriate proof of residency
STEP 2 Update the most recent CCDF application sequence in AIS
STEP 3 Print the CCDF application, State Form 805, and note "Address Change"
STEP 4 Circle the change made
STEP 5 Intake Agent must sign and date CCDF application (State Form 805), however, Applicant or Co-Applicant signature is not required
STEP 6 Scan all applicable documents relating to change

If the change in residency results in a change in county of residence, the application shall be terminated with a written ten (10) calendar days notice to the Applicant, Co-Applicant and CCDF eligible provider. The Intake Agent should refer the parent to the appropriate Agency for their county of residence.

# **◆PHONE NUMBER OR MAILING ADDRESS ONLY** ► CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES

When the Applicant or Co-Applicant reports a change in their phone number or mailing address only, the Intake Agent shall:

STEP 1 Document the change, as declared.
 STEP 2 Update the most recent CCDF application sequence in AIS.
 STEP 3 Print the pre-voucher and note the change made.
 STEP 4 Scan all applicable documents relating to the change.

# **◆HOUSEHOLD MEMBER'S NAME** ► CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES

When the Applicant or Co-Applicant reports a name change of a CCDF Household member, the Intake Agent shall:

Obtain appropriate proof of identity.

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STEP 2	If the CCDF Household member is the Applicant or Co-Applicant,
	complete a Name Attestation form with the previous name(s) as well
	as the new "Known As" name. (Continued next page.)
STEP 3	Update the most recent CCDF application sequence in AIS.
STFP 4	Print the CCDF application State Form 805 and note "Name

STEP 4 Print the CCDF application, State Form 805, and note "Name Change".

STEP 5 Circle the change made.

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- STEP 6 Intake Agent must sign and date CCDF application, State Form 805.
- STEP 7 Applicant or Co-Applicant must sign and date CCDF application, State Form 805, or Parent Worksheet.
- STEP 8 Scan all applicable documents relating to the change.

# **◆CCDF HOUSEHOLD SIZE** ► CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES

When the Applicant or Co-Applicant reports a change in CCDF Household size, the Intake Agent shall identify the appropriate situation below and follow the procedure provided.

# **ADDITION OF CCDF HOUSEHOLD MEMBER WITH INCOME**

- STEP 1 Obtain appropriate proof of identity. If a minor, also obtain proof of birth.
- STEP 2 Obtain appropriate proof of service need, if applicable.
- STEP 3 Obtain proof of current income for all CCDF Household Members.
- STEP 4 Update the most recent CCDF application sequence in AIS.
- STEP 5 Print the CCDF application, State Form 805, and note "Added Household Member"
- STEP 6 Circle the change made.
- STEP 7 Intake Agent must sign and date CCDF application, State Form 805.
- STEP 8 Applicant or Co-Applicant must sign and date CCDF application, State Form 805, or Parent Worksheet.
- STEP 9 Provide Applicant, Co-Applicant and CCDF eligible provider with an updated pre-voucher or voucher, if applicable.
- STEP 10 Scan all applicable documents relating to the change

# <u>ADDITION</u> OF CCDF HOUSEHOLD MEMBER <u>WITHOUT INCOME</u>

- STEP 1 Obtain appropriate proof of identity. If a minor, also obtain proof of birth.
- STEP 2 Obtain appropriate proof of service need, if applicable
- STEP 3 Update the most recent CCDF application sequence in AIS.
- STEP 4 Print the CCDF application, State Form 805, and note "Added Household Member"
- STEP 5 Circle the change made.
- STEP 6 Intake Agent must sign and date CCDF application, State Form 805. (Continued next page.)
- STEP 7 Applicant or Co-Applicant must sign and date CCDF application, State Form 805, or Parent Worksheet.
- STEP 8 Provide Applicant, Co-Applicant and CCDF eligible provider with an undated pre-voucher or voucher, if applicable

STEP 9 Scan all applicable documents relating to the change.

## ADDITION OF A TANF IMPACT CCDF RECIPIENT WITHOUT INCOME

- STEP 1 Obtain proof of identity. If a minor, also obtain proof of birth.
- STEP 2 Obtain appropriate proof of service need, if applicable
- STEP 3 Update the most recent CCDF application sequence in AIS.
- STEP 4 Add CCDF recipient to receive services and create appropriate vouchers, if applicable
- STEP 5 Print the CCDF application, State Form 805, and note "Added Household Member"
- STEP 6 Circle the change made, if applicable.
- STEP 7 Intake Agent must sign and date CCDF application, State Form 805.
- STEP 8 Applicant or Co-Applicant must sign and date CCDF application, State Form 805, or Parent Worksheet.
- STEP 9 Provide Applicant, Co-Applicant and CCDF eligible provider with an updated pre-voucher or voucher, if applicable
- STEP 10 Scan all applicable documents relating to the change.

# LOSS OF CCDF HOUSEHOLD MEMBER WITH INCOME

- STEP 1 Obtain a statement from the Applicant indicating the CCDF Household Member is no longer in residence, or proof of loss (i.e. death certificate, divorce decree, etc.) In the case of a child turning age 18, the member may be removed without a statement.
- STEP 2 Obtain proof of current income for all CCDF Household members.
- STEP 3 Update the most recent CCDF application sequence in AIS.
- STEP 4 Print the CCDF application, State Form 805, and note "Removed Household Member"
- STEP 5 Intake Agent must sign and date CCDF application, State Form 805.
- STEP 6 Applicant or Co-Applicant must sign and date CCDF application, State Form 805, or Parent Worksheet.
- STEP 7 Provide Applicant, Co-Applicant and CCDF eligible provider with an updated pre-voucher or voucher, if applicable
- STEP 8 Scan all applicable documents relating to the change.

# LOSS OF CCDF HOUSEHOLD MEMBER WITHOUT INCOME

- STEP 1 Obtain a statement from Applicant indicating the CCDF Household Member is no longer in residence, or proof of loss (i.e. death certificate, divorce decree, etc.). In the case of a child turning age 18, the member may be removed without a statement.
- STEP 2 Update the most recent CCDF application sequence in AIS.
- STEP 3 Print the CCDF application, State Form 805, and note "Removed Household Member"
- STEP 4 Intake Agent must sign and date CCDF application, State Form 805.
- STEP 5 Applicant or Co-Applicant must sign and date CCDF application, State Form 805, or Parent Worksheet
- STEP 6 Provide Applicant, Co-Applicant and CCDF eligible provider with an updated pre-voucher or voucher, if applicable
- STEP 7 Scan all applicable documents relating to the change

# **◆CHANGE IN TANF STATUS ▶**CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES

When the Intake Agent is made aware of the Applicant or Co-Applicant's change from mandatory TANF Impact status, the Intake Agent shall:

#### NOTIFIED BY THE CCDF APPLICANT OR CO-APPLICANT

- STEP 1 Obtain proof of current service need, i.e. most recent paystub, employer verification statement or school schedule.
- STEP 2 Update the most recent CCDF application sequence priority in AIS.
- STEP 3 Print the CCDF application, State Form 805, and note "Change in TANF Status"
- STEP 4 Circle the change made.
- STEP 5 Intake Agent must sign and date CCDF application, State Form 805, however, Applicant or Co-Applicant signature is not required.
- STEP 6 Scan all applicable documents relating to the change.

# NOTIFIED BY A IMPACT SERVICE PROVIDER OR BUREAU OF CHILD CARE

- STEP 1 Send a written ten (10) calendar day notice to the Applicant or Co-Applicant requesting proof of current service need.
- STEP 2 Obtain proof of current service need, i.e. most recent paystub, employer verification statement or school schedule.

- STEP 3 Update the most recent CCDF application sequence priority in AIS. (*Continued next page.*)
- STEP 4 Print the CCDF application, State Form 805, and note "Change in TANF Status"
- STEP 5 Circle the change made.
- STEP 6 Intake Agent must sign and date CCDF application, State Form 805, however, Applicant or Co-Applicant signature is not required.
- STEP 7 Scan all applicable documents relating to the change.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If the Applicant or Co-Applicant fails to document a current valid service need, the case shall be terminated without additional notice.

# **◄LOSS OF SERVICE NEED** ► CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES

The Applicant or Co-Applicant is required to report a loss of service need within TEN (10) calendar days. Loss of service need is grounds for termination if the Applicant is not eligible for job search, does not want to participate in job search, or is not eligible for approved leave.



## JOB SEARCH ELIGIBILITY POLICY

A non-TANF Applicant or Co-Applicant may request job search upon completion or withdrawal from an educational or training program or loss of employment. A Co-Applicant may request job search upon entering the CCDF Household.

If an Applicant or Co-Applicant wishes to participate in Job Search, please see Service Need, Job Search, pages 58 and 59.

If an Applicant or Co-Applicant is eligible for approved leave, please see Service Need, Approved Leave, pages 44 - 50.

# **◆CHANGE IN PHYSICAL CUSTODY** ► CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES

#### TEMPORARY CHANGE IN CUSTODY

If the Applicant or Co-Applicant reports a temporary change in physical custody, the Intake Agent shall follow the procedures outlined in Approved Leave, Physical Custody page 48.

# CATASTROPHIC CHANGE IN CUSTODY

If the Applicant reports or the Intake Agent is made aware of a catastrophic change in custody, the Intake Agent shall follow the procedures outlined in Change in Physical Custody, Catastrophic page 32.

# FAILURE TO REPORT A REQUIRED CHANGE

The Intake Agent will take additional action if an Applicant or Co-Applicant fails to report any of the following:

- > Change in Residency
- ➤ Change in CCDF Household Size
- ➤ Change in TANF Status
- Loss of Service Need for more than 10 calendar days
- ➤ Change in Physical Custody

## STEPS TO DETERMINE A REPAYMENT AGREEMENT

The Applicants failure to report a required change may result in repayment of child care subsidy paid on their behalf. As long as the Applicant and Co-Applicant, if applicable, have a valid service need, the case shall not be terminated. The Intake Agent shall:

- STEP 1 Determine the effective date of the change. This will establish begin and end dates to be entered on the CCDF Parent Non-Compliance Form and CCDF Parent Repayment form.
- STEP 2 Determine the total amount of the over-payment which is equal to the amount provided on the Case Payment Report. For co-payment change only, multiply the number of weeks reported by the change in co-payment.
- STEP 3 Complete the CCDF Parent Non-Compliance Form, CCDF Parent Repayment form, and Case Narrative, when applicable.
- STEP 4 If Applicant is present, provide a copy of the forms for signature, excluding the Case Narrative. **or**

If Applicant is present, but refuses to sign, provide a copy of the forms excluding the Case Narrative, as well as, the CCDF Parent Repayment Appeal form to the Applicant. **or** 

If Applicant is not present, mail a copy of the forms, excluding the Case Narrative, to the Applicant including the CCDF Parent Repayment Appeal form.

STEP 5 If the CCDF Parent Non-Compliance form and Repayment Agreement were signed, mail the original with the Case Narrative and supporting documentation to the address below. Provide a copy of the CCDF Parent Non-Compliance form and Repayment Agreement to the Applicant. *You have completed the process.* or

If the CCDF Parent Non-Compliance form and Repayment Agreement were not signed, mail the CCDF Parent Non-Compliance form, Repayment Agreement, Case Narrative and supporting documentation to the address below.

Bureau of Child Care Attn: CCDF Repayment Agreement 402 W. Washington, W-361, MS02 Indianapolis, IN 46204-2739 **PLEASE NOTE:** Parent Repayment Agreements are evaluated based on the information supplied by the Intake Agent. Therefore, it is *imperative all* relevant documents have been provided to the Bureau of Child Care, as well as, a complete Case Narrative describing the process of determination / verification of an overpayment.

- STEP 6 Document the action taken in AIS case notes indicating if agreement was signed or unsigned.
- STEP 7 Scan all applicable documentation.



## REPAYMENT APPEAL POLICY

If repayment determination has been made and the Applicant and/or Co-Applicant disagree, a written appeal must be submitted following the appeal guidelines provided.

# REAUTHORIZATION

#### REAUTHORIZATION

Reauthorization is the process by which information is obtained to document an Applicant and Co-Applicant's CCDF eligibility. The Intake Agent may complete this through face-to-face interview, mail, or other acceptable means.

# REQUIRED NOTIFICATION OF UPCOMING REAUTHORIZATION

It is the responsibility of the Intake Agent to notify the Applicant and Co-Applicant of the impending reauthorization at least 30 days prior to the current subsidy end date or the due date for documentation when using a alternate method of reauthorization (i.e. mail-in, fax, etc.) The notification may be made using computer generated letters or agency letters which contains similar information provided the mailing date has been documented. This notification will also serve as a ten (10) calendar day notice should the Applicant and Co-Applicant be determine ineligible at the time of reauthorization. If an Applicant or Co-Applicant is found to be no longer CCDF eligible, the ten (10) calendar day notice period will not be extended past the current subsidy end date.



#### REAUTHORIZATION NOTIFICATION POLICY

Notification of upcoming reauthorization must be provided to the Applicant, in writing, at least 30 days prior to the subsidy end date.

# **▼REAUTHORIZATION PROCESS** ►

The Intake Agent must conduct an eligibility reauthorization with each Applicant or Co-Applicant (both TANF and Non-TANF) at least every six months.



## REAUTHORIZATION ELIGIBILITY POLICY

A reauthorization may be completed thirty (30) days before the subsidy end date, but never after.

Reauthorization requires the Intake Agent to enter all relevant information into the Automated Intake Software (AIS). Prior to completing the reauthorization, the Intake Agent must determine if all necessary documentation is available to complete the reauthorization process. A partial reauthorization application may not be taken unless otherwise directed by the Bureau of Child Care.

# REQUIREMENTS OF APPLICANT FILE

In addition, the Intake Agent will compile an Applicant file which must include all the applicable documentation listed below:

✓ All required verifications



# DOCUMENTATION DATE FOR MAIL-IN REAUTHORIZATION POLICY

For an application not submitted in person, a valid TANF Impact referral or AJS referral and any documentation which does not change income but is dated prior to the subsidy begin date is acceptable.

- ✓ Signed Rights and Obligations Form
- ✓ Application, State Form 805, with all eligibility criteria complete
- ✓ Application or Parent/Applicant Worksheet signed and dated



## CCDF APPLICANT SIGNATURE POLICY

During a face-to-face interview, the Applicant or Co-Applicant must sign and date the Application, State Form 805, upon completion of program authorization.



#### APPLICANT MAIL-IN SIGNATURE POLICY

A complete CCDF application not submitted in-person by Applicant or Co-Applicant must contain an Applicant or Co-Applicant's signature and date on the CCDF Parent Worksheet.



#### APPLICANT SIGNATURE POLICY

The signature of an Applicant or Co-Applicant may be original or facsimile

✓ Application, State Form 805, signed by Intake Agent and dated with date of data entry into AIS



## INTAKE AGENT SIGNATURE POLICY

A complete State Form 805 Application must be signed by the CCDF Intake Agent upon completion of program authorization.

- ✓ Current signed Provider Information Page (facsimile signatures are acceptable)
- ✓ Signed Hoosier Works for Child Care Card Authorization form, if applicable
- ✓ Complete TANF Referral, if required
- ✓ A copy of the pre-voucher
- ✓ A completed Parent/Applicant Worksheet, if applicable
- ✓ Other documentation, as required.

# REAUTHORIZATION WHILE ON LEAVE



## REAUTHORIZATION WHEN ON LEAVE POLICY

An Applicant or Co-Applicant completing reauthorization at a time when they are not actively participating in their documented service need due to approved leave or temporary incapacitation will be required to complete an income update eight (8) weeks after returning to their activity, if applicable.

The application reauthorization process should provide for the collection of all relevant information to accurately complete the application, State Form 805, and ensure eligibility.



#### REAUTHORIZATION PROCESS POLICY

A reauthorization may be completed in a manner which provides the opportunity to collect all relevant documentation from the Applicant and Co-Applicant including signature on either on the applicant, State Form 805, or CCDF Parent Worksheet.

**PLEASE NOTE:** For more information on completing a reauthorization, see Section: DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY.

# **◄HOOSIER WORK FOR CHILD CARE CARDS**

If a face-to-face interview is conducted for reauthorization, the intake agent should ask to view the Applicant's or Co-Applicant's Hoosier Works for Child Care card. If they state they do not have their card, a replacement card should be issued. The intake agent should also remind them they may not leave their card with the provider or give the card to someone picking up their child. Allowing someone else to use their child care card could result in termination of benefits.

If a parent has an active child care card in their possession, it is not necessary to issue a new Hoosier Works for Child Care card. The card will continue to function once the reauthorization has been completed in its entirety. It is not necessary for the intake agent to provide additional card training at reauthorization, unless requested by the parent.

# MAINTAINING HOOSIER WORK CHILD CARE CARDS

# MAINTAINING A SUPPLY OF HOOSIER WORKS FOR CHILD CARE CARDS

# GENERAL INFORMATION

In order for CCDF recipients to access their CCDF benefits and CCDF providers to be paid, families will receive electronic childcare cards from the Intake Agent. This is also known as Over the Counter (OTC) issuance.

# HOOSIER WORKS FOR CHILD CARE **◆ISSUING AND TRACKING OTC**

Each CCDF Intake Agent will be responsible for issuing and tracking OTC electronic swipe cards. Depending upon the number of staff in the CCDF Intake Agency, the agency should designate individuals to perform the following tasks:

# INVENTORY CONTROL

Inventory control involves ordering and maintaining OTC inventory. The individual responsible for inventory control must monitor the daily balance and security of card, ordering additional cards when necessary, ensuring proper contents of each shipment, maintaining all inventory paperwork and records related to inventory and issuance, requesting an electronic inventory listing from BCC (if desired, see "Forms and Inventory" section), and reconciling inventory daily.

Intake Agents who have large card inventories on hand are encouraged to keep a separate "working" OTC inventory from a "bulk" OTC card inventory. The "working" inventory should be in a safe place, but relatively easy for the issuing Intake Agent to supply to CCDF families. The "bulk" inventory should be kept in a secure place at all times, until the "working" inventory needs to be replenished

# **CARD ISSUANCE**

Card issuance involves the activation and issuance of HW Cards to eligible CCDF recipients and their authorized user, if applicable. The individual responsible for card issuance must ensure proper recordkeeping is maintained for each card issued, be able to account for all cards handled and issued so inventory will balance accordingly, ensure cards are issued to individuals eligible for card usage, activate card with the system for use, provide adequate (State supplied) client training, answer client questions and complete client paperwork related to issuance of a HW Card. Additionally, if a client reports their card is lost or stolen, card issuance staff is responsible for deactivating the missing card immediately, and following the appropriate procedures for issuing the client a replacement card following proper procedures.

**PLEASE NOTE:** In some counties, these duties may be performed by the same person depending on size of staff. Additionally, assignment of the

Inventory Control role is to be limited to as few staff members as possible, but as many as necessary (for example, one plus a backup) to ensure that the procedures are completed. Card issuance staff might involve several people depending on the volume of cards being distributed on a regular basis.

# HOOSIER WORKS FOR CHILD CARE ◆ORDERING OTC CARDS▶

**PLEASE NOTE:** All shipping charges will be billed to and paid by the state.

Cards are to be ordered *quarterly* during the last month of each quarter (March, June, September, and December), **by region**. All regions will be contacted with a reminder at the beginning of each month, indicated above. Orders are due by the end of the notification month. NOTE: Not all offices will need to submit an order each and every quarter, depending upon the volume of cards issued and those remaining.

# STEPS TO ORDER OTC HOOSIER WORKS CARD

**PLEASE NOTE:** Cards are to be ordered in multiples of 100 (100 cards to a box), with the minimum order for a region consisting of 100 cards or one (1) box, and in multiples of 100.

- STEP 1 Inventory controller for the region submits their offices' orders by completely filling out Section 1 of the Vault Card Replenishment Order Form, and faxing to BCC (317) 234-6905
- STEP 2 The office supervisor must sign the order.

Emergency orders MUST be signed by your regional CCDF Policy Consultant. **Please** do everything possible to adhere to the above schedule and limit emergency orders. Repeated emergency orders, including those submitted not long after the regular due date, is indicative of the need for more cautious and attentive inventory monitoring.

- STEP 1 At the close of the ordering time frame (end of the month), the Project Office will submit the total order to ACS and request a shipping date. Intake Offices will be notified of this shipping date.
- STEP 2 Manufacturer ships orders directly to the central regional office by the specified shipping date signature required upon delivery.
- STEP 3 Upon receiving and signing for shipment, the inventory controller completes Section Two of the order form and faxes it to the Project Office verifying receipt of or indicating any problems associated with shipment. The shipment will include printed inventory listing in card order sequence. Electronic copies of this inventory are available by contacting BCC at 317-234-6905.

**PLEASE NOTE:** *BCC*, in conjunction with the local Intake Agent supervisor will be responsible for investigating lost/missing or "short" shipments.

# STEPS TO VERIFYING YOUR SHIPMENT

Upon Receipt of OTC cards, the Intake Agent should:

- STEP 1 Verify the number of cards received against the number ordered.
- STEP 2 Check the condition of the cards.
  - ➤ If it is discovered a card is damaged, the card number should be logged and a hole cut in the magnetic stripe. Defective/Destroyed cards may be stored with the bulk inventory cards but they should be separated so as not to damage any other cards or not to reissue to CCDF families.
- STEP 3 Place the box(es) in a secure location.
- STEP 4 When distributing the regional order to your county office, distribute by box/multiples of 100. Do not distribute by dividing boxes of 100 into new amount.

# **◄ISSUING OTC HOOSIER WORKS CARDS▶**

# WHEN TO ISSUE AN OTC HOOSIER WORKS CARD

The Intake Agent may issue OTC cards to:

- √ New CCDF Applicant and Co-Applicant
  - √ Applicant or Co-Applicants who have a lost, damaged or stolen OTC card
  - $\sqrt{}$  One (1) Authorized Representative requested by the Applicant or Co-Applicant

## OTC HOOSIER WORKS CARD ISSUANCE GUIDELINES

Any person wishing to receive an OTC card as noted above must have one form of ID as noted in the CCDF Policy and Procedures Section Verification of Identity.

The Intake Agent must document:

- ✓ Name of individual receiving the OTC Card
- ✓ Relationship of the cardholder to the Applicant
- ✓ Signature of individual receiving the OTC Card
- ✓ Signature of Applicant, if the card is for an authorized user
- ✓ Date issued
- ✓ Reason for the card issuance
- ✓ Sixteen (16) digit number of the OTC Card or a photocopy of the front of the card for the Applicant file
- ✓ Signature of the Intake Agent who issued the OTC Card.



## OTC CARDS SIGNATURE POLICY

Cards issued as replacement for lost, stolen or inoperable cards may be issued using a facsimile of the individual's signature.

After issuing the card, the following must occur

- ✓ The person receiving the HW Card must sign the back of the card immediately.
- ✓ The Intake Agent must provide state supplied client training materials.
- ✓ The Intake Agent will instruct the cardholder to call the PIN Select Line in 24 hours to select a PIN (Personal Identification Number).

# **▼RETURNED OTC HOOSIER WORKS CARDS**

The Intake Agent must log all returned cards, regardless of how they are returned. The Intake Agent should try to locate the Applicant so the Applicant may retrieve the card. If the client cannot be found and does not pick up the card within ten (10) business days from the day contact was attempted/made, it should be destroyed. Additionally, returned cards are to be kept in a secured location until either reclaimed by the Applicant or destroyed. The card is destroyed by hole punching (or scratching) the magnetic stripe. Destroyed cards should be kept in a secure location with other damaged cards for auditing purposes. Whether the client is located and picks up the card, or the card is unclaimed and destroyed, the action taken is to be documented by the Intake Agent on the "Returned Card Log" form.

# **▼FORMS AND INVENTORY**

You must keep adequate documentation and records related to HW Card issuance for three (3) calendar years. All forms are to be used as they originally appear for consistency and auditing purposes.

If you are familiar with Excel, you may also request an electronic Excel version of this listing if you would find it helpful in your inventory and issuance activity. After it is emailed to you, you may then simply copy and paste the electronic listing into your Hoosier Works for Child Care Daily Card Issuance Log you have already saved electronically. Then, print the document and fill in the remaining columns appropriately. (You MAY overwrite the card listings pasted within the spreadsheet because you are required to print these documents for use in daily issuance tracking, and keep as records for three (3) calendar years). This electronic process simply eliminates the need for card issuance staff to manually write the card numbers being issued. If this is NOT your offices' preferred method, you will still need to print the document (the log), make copies, and will be required to manually write each card number upon issuance.

**PLEASE NOTE:** DO NOT randomly select card to issue. They must be issued to clients in the order they are listed (front of box to back of box). Random issuance could result in tracking errors.

# **◆OTC HOOSIER WORKS INVENTORY FORMS**

The following forms have been provided for the maintenance of OTC Hoosier Works Cards.

- ➤ Bulk OTC Card Inventory Form
- ➤ Hoosier Works Child Care Authorization
- ➤ Hoosier Works for Child Care Daily Card Issuance Log (Excel)
- ➤ Daily Hoosier Works Card Inventory Reconciliation Form
- ➤ Returned Card Log
- > Vault Card Replenishment Order Form

# NON COMPLIANCE

# **ADVERSE ACTION**

#### ADVERSE ACTION

Adverse action is an action toward an Applicant or Co-Applicant that includes denial of services, the potential of termination of services, increase in copayment or reduction in services. CCDF Applicant / Co-Applicant and CCDF Eligible Providers must be notified at least 10 calendar days before an Adverse Action can be imposed.

An adverse action written notice must be provided if the Applicant and Co-Applicant are facing a potential loss of services for reasons which include, but are not limited to, the following:

- ➤ A request to provide additional documentation
- ➤ A request to provide new documentation
- ➤ A requirement to select a new CCDF Eligible Provider



#### CCDF ELIGIBLE PROVIDER NOTICE POLICY

An Applicant and the Applicant's provider must be notified in writing at least 10 calendar days before an adverse action can be imposed unless the adverse action is to occur at the Applicant's subsidy end date.

If an Applicant or Co-Applicant has not appropriately responded to the Adverse Action request in a timely manner, the CCDF subsidy shall be terminated. Any reimbursement made after the Intake Agent's failure to timely terminate an unresolved Adverse Action will be considered an inappropriate payment and may require a payment reduction and/or repayment from the Intake Agent.

# ADVERSE ACTION EXCEPTION ◆PROVIDER SEARCH EXTENSION ▶



#### PROVIDER SEARCH EXTENSION POLICY

An Applicant, who is unable to obtain a CCDF Eligible Provider within the (ten)10 day adverse action period, may request an additional four (4) weeks to complete their search. However, child care benefits will not be paid during this period. Should an Applicant have a reauthorization prior to the end of their search period, the application may be re-activated on appeal when a qualified CCDF Eligible Provider has been located.

#### STEPS FOR PROVIDER SEARCH EXTENSION

- STEP 1 Obtain a written statement from the Applicant or Co-Applicant requesting additional time to find a qualified provider.
- STEP 2 Refer the Applicant or Co-Applicant to the local CCRR for assistance in finding a CCDF Eligible Provider.
- STEP 3 Assign the CCDF Eligible Child's voucher to Pending Provider for the extended search period.
- STEP 4 If a CCDF Eligible Provider is found, complete the authorization, as requested

If the Pending Provider voucher has been swept, extend the existing Pending Voucher and complete the authorization by completing a provider change.

If the Applicant and Co-Applicant are required to complete a reauthorization prior to the expiration date of the extended search period, the case will terminate but may be activated on appeal using the Applicant or Co-Applicant's written statement as documentation.

If a CCDF Eligible Provider is not found, the Child shall be terminated.

#### **▼PARENT NON-COMPLIANCE / INELIGIBLE**

The Bureau of Child Care or the Intake Agent may determine a parent is non-compliant with CCDF Policies or ineligible for CCDF subsidy.

#### REASONS FOR DENIAL OF AN APPLICANT APPLICATION

An Applicant and Co-Applicant's application or reauthorization application will be denied for the following reasons:

- > CCDF Household income does not meet financial eligibility
- > CCDF Household does not meet service need requirements
- > Co-payment exceeds total weekly subsidy
- ➤ Child who is the primary beneficiary of service is not a US citizen, qualified alien and/or resident of Indiana
- CCDF Applicant is not a resident of Indiana
- Failure to provide complete information at time of authorization, reauthorization or update
- Failure to respond timely to Adverse Action written notice
- ➤ Misrepresenting, concealing or withholding information on the Application, State Form 805
- ➤ Failure to select a CCDF eligible provider
- Failure to remain current on any existing repayment agreements with the Division
- ➤ CCDF funding is not available within the county of residence
- > Previous substantiation of welfare fraud, any component of fraud, or illegal receipt of government funds
- Repeated, substantiated violations of CCDF policies and procedures
- > Pending criminal charges for fraud or any component of fraud

#### REASONS AN APPLICANT APPLICATION MAY BE TERMINATED

An Applicant and Co-Applicant's subsidy may be terminated for the following reasons:

- Failure to respond to requests for additional information from the Division or its agents within the required time frame.
- ➤ Failure to pay weekly co-payment owed, if reported within 30 days from first missed payment.
- ➤ Failure to document a CCDF eligible child's attendance in the manner required by the Division.
- ➤ Allowing an unauthorized person, including the CCDF eligible child care provider, to document attendance for the CCDF eligible child.
- > Submitting attendance claims for care that was not provided at the authorized address.
- > Submitting attendance claims for time the CCDF eligible child was not in attendance, with the exception of approved holidays and personal days, as allowed by the Division
- Allowing an unauthorized person, including the CCDF eligible child care provider, to possess a CCDF card, card number, or Personal Identification Number, password or any other tool for entering electronic attendance information, as applicable.
- ➤ Provider changes which exceed the maximum allowed by the Division, unless approved by the Division
- ➤ Repeated, substantiated violations of CCDF policies and procedures
- Failure to remain current on any existing repayment agreements with the Division
- ➤ Failure to select a CCDF eligible provider

#### REASONS FOR TERMINATION OF AN APPLICANT APPLICATION

An Applicant and Co-Applicant's subsidy will be terminated for the following reasons:

- Failure to complete reauthorization within the required time frame
- > Failure to provide complete information at time of authorization, reauthorization or update
- ➤ CCDF Household income does not meet financial eligibility
- ➤ CCDF Household does not meet service need requirements
- > Co-payment exceeds total weekly subsidy
- > Child who is primary beneficiary of service is not a US citizen, qualified alien and/or resident of Indiana
- > CCDF Applicant is not a resident of Indiana
- ➤ Misrepresenting, concealing or withholding information on the Application, State Form 805
- Failure to report loss of service need, unless there is a valid, up to date repayment agreement is in place
- Failure to fully reimburse CCDF eligible nanny provider
- > CCDF Applicant and/or Co-Applicant and/or Child is no longer eligible
- > CCDF Applicant and/or Co-Applicant is a child care provider and has received CCDF reimbursement for caring for a child for whom they have physical custody
- > Co-payment which exceeds total weekly subsidy
- > Substantiated welfare fraud, any component of fraud or illegal receipt of government funds

- Substantiated solicitation of a CCDF eligible provider to commit CCDF program fraud
- ➤ CCDF funding is no longer available within the county of residence

#### **◀APPLICANT APPEAL PROCESS**

The Intake Agent must inform the Applicant / Co-Applicant of the Parent Appeal Procedure at time of initial authorization and reauthorization.

#### STEPS FOR APPLICANT APPEAL

When any adverse action is taken such as denial, termination, or increase in co-payment, there is a three step appeal process.

- STEP 1 Within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of adverse action letter or subsidy expiration date, the Applicant or Co-Applicant must send a written request of appeal to the Intake supervisor.
- STEP 2 The Intake Agent has ten (10) calendar days to review the request and respond in writing. This response must provide information on the next step of the appeal process. The Intake Agent will document research to support any decision made. The documentation shall be scanned into the case file.
- STEP 3 If the Applicant or Co-Applicant is not satisfied with the decision of the Intake Agent supervisor, the Applicant or Co-Applicant must send written request for appeal to the Child Care Administrator of the Bureau of Child Care within fifteen (15) calendar days of receipt of the denial letter from the Intake Supervisor.

Child Care Administrator Attn: CCDF Appeals 402 West Washington Street, W-361 Indianapolis, IN 46204-2739

- STEP 4 The Child Care Administrator has fifteen (15) calendar days to review the request and respond in writing. This response must provide information on the next step of the appeal process.
- STEP 5 If the Applicant or Co-Applicant is not satisfied with the decision of the Child Care Administrator, they have fifteen (15) calendar days from receipt of letter from the Child Care Administrator to submit a final written request for appeal to the:

Director of the Division of Family Resources Attn: CCDF Appeals 402 West Washington Street, W-361 Indianapolis, IN 46204-2739

STEP 6 The Division Director has fifteen (15) calendar days to review the decision of the Child Care Administrator and respond in writing. The decision of the Division Director is FINAL.



#### APPLICANT APPEAL POLICY

If an Applicant and Co-Applicant are terminated from the CCDF Voucher Program, a written appeal must be submitted following the appeal guidelines provided.

#### PAYMENT OF SERVICE DURING APPEAL

Service for child care provided during an Applicant and Co-Applicant's appeal will not be reimbursed after the ten (10) calendar day notice. However, if a finding is held in the Applicant and Co-Applicant's favor, all child care during the appeal process will be paid retroactively provided the Applicant or Co-Applicant completes reauthorization timely, has a service need during the entire appeal period, and has utilized child care through a CCDF Eligible Provider. After an appeal, the Applicant and Co-Applicant who are able to demonstrate a current service need, but are unable to document a service need during the entire appeal period, may reauthorized using their current service need.

#### PROGRAM ABUSE OR FRAUD

#### **PROGRAM ABUSE**

Program abuse is defined as any false reporting of fact or information, providing false documentation or the omission of facts by the Applicant or Co-Applicant.



#### INTAKE AGENT FRAUD RESPONSIBILITY POLICY

A determination by an Intake Agent of suspicious or fraudulent activity on the part of a Applicant, Co-Applicant or CCDF eligible provider must be referred to the Bureau of Child Care CCDF fraud coordinator.

The Intake Agent is expected to report all suspicions of fraudulent activity in the CCDF program to the CCDF fraud coordinator on the form provided. Should the Intake Agent fail to report any fraudulent activity which is defined in the contract as being within the scope of the intake duties, the Intake Agent will be held accountable for any over-payment further it would be considered a failure to perform contract obligations.

#### PROVIDER COMPLIANCE / NON-COMPLIANCE

#### **▼PROVIDER COMPLIANCE**

Effective July 1, 2002 the General Assembly passed legislation that requires all child care provider to comply with certain health and safety standards prior to their participation in the Child Care and Development Fund Voucher Program.

Effective July 1, 2005 the General Assembly passed legislation stating licensed child care homes and licensed child care centers would be considered compliant with CCDF Provider Eligibility Standards as long as their Indiana license is valid.

Unlicensed child care providers, however, must demonstrate compliance with the CCDF Provider Eligibility Standards with written documentation as well as home/facility inspection.



#### PROVIDER ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS POLICY

A CCDF eligible provider must assure CCDF Provider Eligibility Standards are maintained at all times. Failure to maintain compliance may result in decertification through a Notice of Order.

The Intake Agent will be notified of a child care provider's failure to comply with CCDF Provider Eligibility Standards by fax or email. It is imperative Intake Agents take action on Notification of Denial / Revocation timely to ensure Applicants and Co-Applicants receive adequate notice regarding the status of their current child care provider.

## STEPS FOR REMOVING CHILDREN FROM PROVIDERS WHO HAVE FAILED TO MAINTAIN COMPLIANCE WITH PROVIDER ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS

If an Applicant or Co-Applicant wishes to leave their child(ren) in the care of the ineligible provider, their CCDF subsidy will be terminated and future eligibility is subject to availability of funds. Ineligible CCDF providers who choose to file an appeal will not be reimbursed during the appeal process.

- STEP 1 The Division of Family Resources sends a "Notice of Order" letter to the child care provider. A copy of the Notice of Order is faxed or emailed to the Intake Agent requiring immediate action.
- STEP 2 The Intake Agent must determine if the provider has active vouchers.
- STEP 3 When all active vouchers have been identified, the Intake Agent shall use the form letter provided to notify Applicant or Co-Applicant their child care provider is no longer eligible to participate in the CCDF program. Applicants or Co-Applicants must be notified within three (3) calendar days of fax / email

- notification. A copy of the written notification shall be maintained in the Applicant or Co-Applicant's file. (*Continued next page.*)
- STEP 4 A courtesy copy of the Applicant or Co-Applicant written notification shall be sent to the appropriate child care provider.
- STEP 5 Payments shall not be made to the ineligible child care provider beyond the effective date of the Order as stated in the child care provider's Notice of Order.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The AIS software system will automatically move children assigned to an ineligible provider to Pending Provider effective the Sunday following the effective date of the Notice of Order.

STEP 6 If an Applicant or Co-Applicant selects a CCDF Eligible Provider prior to the effective date of the order, the provider change shall be completed. However, if an Applicant or Co-Applicant has not selected CCDF Eligible Provider or the ineligible provider has not been reinstated, prior to the effective date of the Notice of Order, the CCDF subsidy shall be terminated.

If an Applicant or Co-Applicant is unable to locate a CCDF Eligible Provider, they may make a written request for an extended provider search. See Steps for an Extended Provider Search page 134.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Applicant's or Co-Applicant's questions regarding a CCDF child care provider's ineligibility should be referred to the provider. (Some denials or revocations may be based on confidential information.)

## ADDITIONAL PROVIDER NON-COMPLIANCES **◆SUSPENDING A CCDF ELIGIBLE PROVIDER**

In certain situations where there are immediate concerns for the protection of children or the integrity of the provider, the Division of Family Resources may take adverse action against a provider affecting the ability to participate in the CCDF program.



#### SUSPENDED PROVIDER REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

Reimbursement will cease upon suspension or termination of a CCDF eligible provider.

A suspension of a CCDF Eligible Provider can be effective immediately upon notice to the provider. The Intake Agent will be notified to immediately contact Applicant and Co-Applicants to select a new child care provider. The Applicant or Co-Applicant shall be referred to the local child care resource and referral agency if they need assistance selecting a new CCDF Eligible Provider.

#### REASONS FOR SUSPENDING A CCDF ELIGIBLE PROVIDER

A CCDF Eligible Provider may be suspended by the Division of Family Resources from the CCDF program if they are not in compliance with any of the following policies.



CCDF Eligible Providers must care for the CCDF child at the address listed on the child care voucher.



CCDF Eligible Providers may not possess or use a Hoosier Works for Child Care card, sixteen (16) digit card number, and/or personal identification number (PIN) to authorize electronic attendance transactions for any eligible child(ren). This policy also applies to child care staff as well as any members of the provider's household in which child care is provided.



CCDF Eligible Providers may not require or coerce Hoosier Works for Child Care cardholders to provide their Hoosier Works for Child Care card or 16 digit card number and/or personal identification number (PIN).



CCDF Eligible Providers must allow access to their child care center or home to any representative of the Family and Social Service Administration.



CCDF Eligible Providers must allow unscheduled visits by a custodial adult of a child anytime the child care facility is in operation,

## ADDITIONAL REASONS FOR SUSPENDING A CCDF ELIGIBLE PROVIDER

An eligible CCDF child care provider may be suspended by the Division of Family Resources from the CCDF program under the following circumstances.

- ➤ Death or serious injury of a child while in the provider's care pending the outcome of the investigation
- A pending abuse or neglect charge against the provider, an existing employee or volunteer of the provider, or in the case of a licensed or legally license exempt child care home, a member of the provider's household
- > Substantiated health or safety hazard
- > Threatening behavior directed towards a representative of the Division or its agents
- > Providing false or misleading information on any form connected with the CCDF Voucher Program
- > Illegally operating a home or facility
- Failure to respond to the Division's request for information, including but not limited to, written attendance records
- Failure to meet the CCDF provider eligibility standards, IC 12-17.2-3.5
- A substantiated health or safety hazard posing an immediate threat to the health or safety of the children in care.
- ➤ Documentation of a CCDF eligible child's attendance, by the provider, in a manner not allowed by the Division
- Failure to respond to a repayment agreement or to remain current with any repayment agreement in place with the Division

- Failure to allow the Division or its agents access to the child care facility / home, child care staff and other child care records
- ➤ Possession of a CCDF client's card, card number, personal identification number or other information enabling a provider to document a CCDF eligible child's attendance.
- ➤ Requiring a CCDF client to allow the provider to possess their CCDF card, card number, Personal Identification Number, or any other means for recording electronic attendance
- ➤ Charging the CCDF voucher program for time a CCDF eligible child was not in attendance, excluding approved holidays and personal days, as allowed by the Division
- ➤ Charging the CCDF voucher program for time the CCDF eligible child was not cared for at the CCDF approved address
- ➤ Substantiated violation of CCDF voucher program policies and procedures
- ➤ Substantiated fraud, any component of fraud, or the illegal receipt of government funds by any governmental agency

## ADDITIONAL PROVIDER NON-COMPLIANCES **◆TERMINATING A CCDF ELIGIBLE PROVIDER**

Termination of a CCDF Eligible Provider will become effective immediately upon notice. Payment will cease upon termination of the ineligible CCDF Eligible Provider. The Intake Agent will be notified to immediately contact the Applicant or Co-Applicant to select a new CCDF Eligible Provider. Applicants shall be referred to the local child care resource and referral agencies if they need assistance selecting a new CCDF Eligible Provider.

#### REASONS FOR TERMINATING A CCDF ELIGIBLE PROVIDER

A CCDF Eligible Provider will be terminated by the Division of Family Resources under the following circumstances:

- A CPS substantiation of abuse or neglect against the provider, an existing employee or volunteer of the provider, or in the case of a licensed or legally license exempt child care home, a member of the provider's household
- > Substantiated fraud, any component of fraud, or the illegal receipt of government funds by any governmental agency
- For licensed child care facilities / homes, the loss of licensure
- > Illegally operating child care facility or home
- Repeated failure to meet CCDF provider eligibility standards under IC 12-17.2-3.5 even if insufficiencies have been corrected
- ➤ Pending criminal charges for fraud, any component of fraud and/or CCDF voucher program policies or procedures by any governmental agency
- Repeated substantiated violation of CCDF voucher program policies and procedures
- ➤ Providing false or misleading information on any form connected with the CCDF voucher program

- ➤ Charging the CCDF voucher program for time a CCDF eligible child was not in attendance, excluding approved holidays and personal days, as allowed by the Division
- ➤ Charging the CCDF program for time a CCDF eligible child was not cared for at the approved CCDF address
- ➤ Requiring a CCDF client to allow the provider to possess their CCDF card, the card number or Personal Identification Number, or any other means for recording electronic attendance.
- ➤ Charging CCDF families for any liquidated damages or overages owed by the provider.

## STEPS FOR REMOVING CHILDREN FROM SUSPENDED OR TERMINATED PROVIDERS

If an Applicant or Co-Applicant wishes to leave their child(ren) in the care of the ineligible CCDF provider, their CCDF subsidy will be terminated and future eligibility is subject to availability of funds. Ineligible CCDF providers who choose to file an appeal will not be reimbursed during the appeal process.

- STEP 1 The Division of Family Resources will notify the Intake Agent of action required. Immediate action will be required.
- STEP 2 The Intake Agent must determine if the provider has active vouchers.
- STEP 3 When all active vouchers have been identified, the Intake Agent shall use the form letter provided to notify Applicant or Co-Applicant that their child care provider is no longer eligible to participate in the CCDF program. Applicants or Co-Applicants must be notified immediately. A copy of the written notification shall be maintained the Applicant or Co-Applicant's file.
- STEP 4 A courtesy copy of the Applicant or Co-Applicant written notification shall be sent to the appropriate child care provider.
- STEP 5 Payments shall not be made to the ineligible CCDF provider beyond the suspension or termination date.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The AIS software system will automatically move children assigned to an ineligible provider to Pending Provider effective the Sunday following the effective date of suspension or termination.

STEP 7 If an Applicant or Co-Applicant selects a CCDF eligible provider within the notice period, the provider change shall be completed. However, if an Applicant or Co-Applicant has not selected a CCDF Eligible Provider or the ineligible provider has not been reinstated, prior to the notification date, the CCDF subsidy shall be terminated.

An Applicant or Co-Applicant may make a written request for an extended provider search. See Steps for Extended Provider Search page –

**PLEASE NOTE:** Applicant's or Co-Applicant's questions regarding a CCDF child care provider's ineligibility should be referred to the provider.

# PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

### PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

The Intake Agent is required to maintain performance standards as related to the CCDF Program. These standards are as follows:

- An accuracy rate of less than 100% of client files reviewed by the State shall result in a reduction of the monthly payment to Grantee for active family case files found to have errors. In addition, if Grantee has two (2) consecutive months of an accuracy rate of less than 97% of client files reviewed, grantee shall be placed on a probationary status by the State for a period of three (3) months.
- ➤ Grantees on probationary status that have an accuracy rate of less than 97% of client files reviewed, shall incur a reduction of the monthly payment for active family case files found to have errors and for the direct services paid to providers on files found to be ineligible.
- ➤ If after three months on probation, the accuracy rate of files reviewed remains less than 97%, the State may terminate their CCDF contract agreement pursuant to Section VII <u>SUSPENSION AND TERMINATION</u> Paragraph A. of the contract agreement.

#### **◄**MONITORING AND AUDIT►

The Division of Family Resources will conduct a review of CCDF recipient files to monitor compliance with CCDF rules. In addition, the Intake Agent may be audited by the FSSA Audit, State Board of Accounts, and/or Federal Audit.

#### **◄**MONITORING FOR INVALID VOUCHERS►

#### REASONS FOR INVALID VOUCHERS

The CCDF Quality Assurance process includes the identification of invalid vouchers. Families or children appearing on the weekly QA report for the following reasons are ineligible to receive CCDF services:

- > Employment service need with no wages recorded
- > Child over 13 year old and not documented as special needs
- > Child attending a closed provider

#### STEPS TO ADDRESS QA ERRORS

On the Monday following the QA report, the intake errors will be emailed to the agency's primary CCDF contact and sent by US mail a notification of identified cases. The following procedures must be followed:

- STEP 1 The Intake Agent will have thirteen (13) calendar days to update the data in the software and/or terminate the family.
- STEP 2 If the Intake Agent has not updated the data and the family or child still appears on the weekly QA report, the Intake Agent will receive notification via email and US mail requiring the termination of the application with ten (10) calendars notice.

#### **■MONITORING PROCESS FOR CCDF FAMILIES**

In the course of monitoring a grantee, monitors may determine an applicant is ineligible for CCDF services or an improper payment has been authorized requiring action by the Intake Agent. This will result in a reduction and/or repayment. Monitors may also determine a case file has an administrative error that may not result in a repayment.

#### STEPS FOR CORRECTING A MONITORING ERROR

Each Monday following this determination by the monitor, a letter will be emailed to the agency's primary CCDF contact. The following procedures must be followed:

- STEP 1 The Intake Agent will have 45 calendar days to resolve the non-compliance or terminate the case.
- STEP 2 Scan resolution of error if error can be corrected.
- STEP 3 If error cannot be corrected, scan statement that error cannot be corrected.
- STEP 4 If the Intake Agent does not agree with error, an appeal must be submitted on appeal form with policy manual section and documentation by noon on Friday following the non-compliance letter
- STEP 5 BCC will review appeal and provide notification of approval or denial within ten (10) business days of receipt of appeal.
- STEP 6 All denied appeals must provide the necessary documentation or terminate within 45 days of receipt of original letter.

#### **◆INTAKE APPEAL PROCESS**

#### STEPS FOR AN INTAKE APPEAL PROCESS

The Intake has the right to <u>appeal</u> each case file reduction. The appeal form can be found in the back of this manual or obtained by emailing <u>ScanningHelp@e-tcc.com</u>. The appeal timeline is as follows:

- STEP 1 An appeal must be received, via an email to Scanning Help, by the Friday following the date of notice, no later than 12:00 pm EST.
- STEP 2 Appeals must include all necessary documentation, the policy manual reference and any other relevant justification.
- STEP 3 BCC will approve or deny the appeal and notify the agency within ten (10) working days.
- STEP 4 If an appeal is approved, the reduction will not be required but the file may still need to be corrected within 45 days from the original date of notice.
- STEP 5 If an appeal is denied, reduction will be withheld and the file must be corrected or terminated, if necessary.

# CCDF AGREENT CENTERS

#### **CCDF AGREEMENT CENTERS**

#### **◆THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

Each Center Operating as an Agreement and Intake Agent must have a current (within the current contract year) signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). This MOU outlines the responsibilities of both parties in the delivery of service to CCDF households participating through a center contract. When implementing or changing policies or procedures, both parties should review the MOU to determine if such actions will violate their existing agreement.

#### **◄GENERAL PRINCIPLES**

#### **CENTER RESPONSIBILITIES**

In general, it is the responsibility of the Center Operating with an Agreement to:

- Determine preliminary eligibility
- > Generate appropriate referrals for child care services
- ➤ Provide custodial adults with a printed referral, completed provider information page as well as general enrollment information
- ➤ Notify the Intake Agent of known changes in household circumstance with may affect participation in the CCDF program
- ➤ Complete all budget functions associated with their contract

#### INTAKE AGENT RESPONSIBILITIES

In general, it is the responsibility of the Intake Agent to:

- > Check for new referrals
- ➤ Make an enrollment appointment available to agreement Applicants or Co-Applicants within five (5) business days of referral creation
- > Determine eligibility
- ➤ Provide printed voucher to the Agreement Center upon authorization
- ➤ Maintain Applicant files
- Communicate any changes in child eligibility to the Agreement Center
- Act upon changes in household circumstance reported by the Agreement Center with within five (5) business days
- ➤ Notify the Applicant and Co-Applicant of impending reauthorization at least thirty (30) days in advance

#### **◄CLIENT INITIAL APPLICATION**

An Agreement Center Applicant or Co-Applicant applies for subsidy in the same manner as Intake Applicants and Co-Applicants. It is the responsibility of the Intake Agent to determine the appropriate authorization begin and end dates which correspond to the Applicant and CoApplicant's service need. It is also the sole responsibility of the Intake Agent to determine the amount of care authorized based upon a verified service need. (See Determining Eligibility Section for further information.)

While the Intake Agent is responsible for authorizing child care based upon a verified service need, the Intake Agent may not exceed the number of weeks or amount of funding authorized by the Agreement Center as stated on the Applicant or Co-Applicant's child care referral. However, the Intake Agent may reduce the amount authorized based upon the Applicant or Co-Applicant's verified service need.

For specific information on entering a CCDF application for an Agreement Center Applicant or Co-Applicant, please refer to your software procedure manual.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Agreement Center's eligible child should not be added to an active intake application until after the Center's voucher end date.

#### **◄CLIENT REAUTHORIZATION**

The intake agent must conduct a reauthorization with each Agreement Center Applicant or Co-Applicant at least every six (6) months. This requires the Agreement Center to create a new child care referral for the Applicant or Co-Applicant. A reauthorization, including completion of a new Application, may be completed thirty (30) days before the subsidy end date, but never after.

#### NOTIFICATION OF UPCOMING REAUTHORIZATION

It is the responsibility of the Intake Agent to notify the Applicant or Co-Applicant of the impending reauthorization at least (30) days prior to the subsidy end date. The notification may be made using computer generated letters, or agency letters which contain similar information provided the mailing date has been documented. This notification will also serve as the family's ten (10) calendar day notice of termination for failure to complete reauthorization timely. It is the responsibility of the Agreement Center to provide the Applicant or Co-Applicant with a referral at the time of reauthorization.

#### METHOD OF REAUTHORIZATION

When completing a reauthorization (update), the Intake Agent may use a variety of methods including:

- > Face-to-face interview
- ➤ Mail
- ➤ Fax with the assistance of the Center Operating with a CCDF Agreement

#### **■MAINTAINING AN APPLICANT FILE**

An Applicant file is maintained in the same manner as any CCDF Applicant. (See Maintaining an Applicant File Section for more information)

## CCDF AGREEMENT CENTER **▼MAINTAINING A WAITING LIST**

It is the responsibility of the Agreement Center to maintain a waiting list of families wishing to access their CCDF Center funds. It is the responsibility of the Intake Agent to maintain a waiting list for families currently participating through an Agreement Center who wish to gain access to CCDF Intake funds to allow for greater flexibility in provider selection.

As of the date of this manual, the AIS system will not allow the Intake Agent to place an active Agreement Center child on the AIS waiting list. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the Intake Agent to maintain a manual waiting list. Custodial Adults on this list will be placed at the front of the AIS waiting list and will be first to be notified when funds become available.



#### CCDF CONTRACT CENTER PARTICIPATION POLICY

A child may not actively participate in the Agreement Center program and the CCDF intake program simultaneously.





## CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT FUND (CCDF) Pre-application

Date Completed	Phone: Area							
Last Name		First Name _						
Street Address City _		County		Zip				
Are you (check one) □ Working or □ Attending School? If you are working, are you paid □ Weekly □ Bi-Weekly □ Other								
Is a spouse/parent of the child(ren) living with you?   Yes  No If yes, are they  Working  Attending School or  Other   PLEASE NOTE: YOU MUST ATTACH A COPY OF A RECENT PAY-STUB FOR YOURSELF AND OTHER ADULT, IF APPLICABLE. IF SELF  EMPLOYED ATTACH TAX FORM SCHEDULE C(not more than 6 months old) or STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS.								
Complete the table below for ALL house	ehold members including	g yourself.						
LIST ALL MEMBERS OF THE HOUSEI Last Name, First Name	HOLD Date of Birth	Social Security Number (Optional)	Does child need child care services?	Does child have special needs? (See Note)	Relationship to Applicant	Licensed Foster Parent		
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			□ Yes □ No	□ Yes □ No		□ Yes □ No		
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Special Needs Note: Child must be enrolled Head Start (professionally diagnosed with d								
Other Sources of Income  Child Support \$ month  Social Security \$ month  TANF* \$ month  (*Documentation of TANF is required)  Unemployment \$ month  Other \$ month	I hereby certify all the inform my knowledge. I unders guarantee services will be proverify information supplied or application for services.  Signed,  Your pre-application must initiated by the Intake Age any changes to your applic	tand submission of this vided. Further, I under in this pre-application when the pre-application	s application does not stand I will be asked to ien and if I complete an Date days. This process is notify the agency of	is curre Licensed Licensed Unlicens Friend / I Head Sta Pre-Scho Before/A Boys/Gir Nanny (II	ool fter School Progra	child(ren). er er eild Care Ministry or		



## PROVIDER INFORMATION PAGE (Child Care and Development Fund Voucher Program) State Form (10-11) BCC 0805Adem DRAFT

Parent (Guardian) Name	Completed									
Caregiver's Name		_ Business N	Name (if app	licable)		·				
Street Address (where care is provided)  City Zip County  Social Security or EIN Number (last 4 digits only)  Phone ( ) Fax ( )  Hours of Operation Days (Please circle) S M Tu W				□ Registered Ministry Registration # □ License Exempt Home □ License Exempt Facility □ Providing care in child's home						
Child's Name (first & last)	Child's Age Years / Months	Kindergarten Indicate HD = ½ Day FD = Full Day	Curre (List charg Age Sc	nt Charge ges for School- chool Year) Day / Hour	Charge for next age group (If child is currently 2 list charge at age 3) Week / Day / Hour	School-age (List charges for summer/evening care) Week / Day / Hour				
FOR SCHOOL AGE AND KINDERGARTEN FU  School Year Begins Ends _  Does school-age child need break care vouchers?  If yes, a school schedule must be provided.  PROVIDER AFFIRMATION I affirm the information provided on this applica and correct. Further, I affirm child care will be address listed above and agree to comply with the complex c	PLEASE Standards  Parent / the comp vouchers attendance  Provider	SNOTE: Eligs sprior to par Guardian: Spleted form If you wise or payment: Please com	tible providers me ticipation in this Your caregiver re to your appoint ish to make a put for care may be	program.  nust complete this informent to assist in proportion of the provider change, you recome your responsibility ation and sign the form	mation in its entirety. Pleanpt completion of your claust obtain new vouchers ty.	ase bring				
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Other

#### Parent/ Applicant Worksheet (Child Care and Development Fund Voucher Program)

State Form XXX (9/05) BCD 0805Adem DRAFT Parent Birth Date:: SSN (optional): Home Phone, including area code: AIS Case Number: **Parent Name:** Street Address: City: Zip: County: Other Phone, contact number: List all adults in household: Birth Date: SSN (optionsl): Specify Relationship Working School Hours working or in Days per week First Name, Last Name to Parent: Yes or No Yes or No school per week S, M, Tu, W, Th, F, S List your children living in household: Birth Date: SSN (optional): Check if child Indicate which parent(s) are First Name, Last Name needs care Living in household  $\sqcap$  Mother  $\square$  Father □ Mother □ Father  $\sqcap$  Mother  $\square$  Father П □ Mother □ Father  $\square$  Mother  $\square$  Father П  $\square$  Mother  $\square$  Father **INCOME SECTION (Received in previous 30 days)** Income Source **Monthly Amount** For Whom Verification much be attached I live in \_\_\_\_\_ school district. **Completed Child Support** Declaration form provided Child Support Award letter, check stub, or Parent/Applicant Statement: **Social Security** verification from agency By my signature below, I hereby certify all the information submitted on this Supplemental Social Award letter, check stub, or document is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I may be Security verification from agency Award letter, check stub, or requested to verify these statements and by my signature, give my consent to **TANF** verification from agency the agency from where I am requesting information to make any necessary **Uplink Claimant Homepage or** contacts to verify any statement. I understand the information I have Unemployment verification from agency provided is private and may not be seen by the public. Further, I understand Pay stub, or letter from employer I may lose my child care if I fail to report a changes to my intake agent Wages, Salary w/ EIN number and wage info within 10 days, if I fail to use my Hoosier Works for Child Care card to **Housing Assistance** None electronically document my child(ren)'s attendance, fail to pay my child care provider the required co-payment or fail to utilize my child care for more Food Stamps None than 60 days. Work Study None Attach appropriate Signed, Date Other documentation Attach appropriate

Failure to attach ALL required documentation will result in termination of child care benefits without notice. (Use application checklist to assist in preparation of worksheet for mailing.)

documentation

Application For Child Care Services: Bureau of Child Development Instructions for completing SF 46513 / BCD 0805

NOTE: All information on this form is required for Federal or State reporting requirements. ALL information MUST be collected prior to determining eligibility: including Social Security Numbers for applicant(s) and children.

For the purposes of this program FAMILY is defined as: One or more adults and children, related by blood or law, residing in the same household. Where adults other than spouses reside together, each is considered a separate family. Wards of the Local Office of Family and Children are the legal responsibility of the local Office of the Division of Family and Children and not the family with which the child has been placed.

COMPLETE ALL UNSHADED AREAS / SHADED AREAS WILL BE COMPLETED BY THE VOUCHER AGENT:

#### Section A: Applicant Information

- Full name of applicant (head of family)
- Full mailing / physical address of applicant
- Circle if the applicant is legally single. NA is appropriate only for children who are wards of the court through the Office of Family and Children.
- Name / county ID number of the applicants resident county and School District Number.
- Phone of applicant or contact phone number.

#### Section B: Applicant Family Information

- Include names for all FAMILY members living in the household.
- List date of birth for all family members
- Y if a US citizen and N if not a US citizen
- Y if adult family member is a custodial parent and N if not.

  List relationship to applicant (son / daughter / boyfriend / grandchild. etc.)
- Gender Code only. 1 for Male / 2 for Female
- Social Security Numbers are MANDATORY and NOT optional to be eligible for child care assistance. RID number may be used as a temporary number for TANF families.
- Indicate if each family member is a Medicaid or Hoosier Healthwise participant with a Y or N.
- Indicate if family member is a TANF recipient or not by Y or N.
- 10.
- Indicate, by using Y or N, if each family member is of Hispanic or Latino ethnic background.

  Find the Race Code number at bottom of page. Each column MUST have a Y IN for each race indicator.

  Use the Service Need Code number at the bottom of page to indicate service need OF THE ADULT FAMILY MEMBERS.

#### Section C: Family Income / Size Information

- array income / state information incomer include the name of each person receiving income/
  Total gross monthly amount for income received in the previous 30 days. Use the INCOME SOURCE into at the bottom of page to total art income. Income of children under 16 yrs. is not counted, except TANF and SSI. Income reported in #.3.4,5 and 11 are reported, and can be declared by applicant, however is NOT used in determining eligibility. NO income is counted for Service Need #4: Child Protection Services. List all Income Source Codes for each individual.
- Total number of adults in family
- Total number of children in family
- 6. Total number in family.
- Total family income.
- Poverty level of family based on scale.

Service Codes: Use these boxes / codes to complete the family information. In determining income be sure to subtract income from lines 3, 4, 5, and 11 before mining eligibility. Income on these lines may be declared by the appliant, available documentation should be included in the family file

#### Section D: Education

To be completed for each family member as follows:

- Name of family member.
- Highest grade level completed by each adult family member.
- Highest degree attained by each adult family member. Start date of school for current year, if applicable. End date of school for current year, if applicable.
- Indicate with a Y or N if a preachool age child is receiving Preschool Services through the child care provider site

## Section E: Signatures: space has been provided along each statement for parent to initial upon reading statement. Applicant MUST read or have read these statements, sign and date form prior to determining eligibility. Agency person MUST sign and date

Original Date of Application: The date the family first came in and applied for assistance. This date will remain the same . Original base of Application: The date the samily has came in any apparent that 3 month break in service. The duration of the family receiving assistance UNLESS there is a greater than 3 month break in service. Date of Eligibility: Date family is determined eligible by Voucher Agent. Date Child Care Subsidy Begins: First service need date that will be covered through funding. Date Child Care Subsidy Begins: First service need date that will be covered through funding. Date Child Care Subsidy Bedins: Last date of eligibility as determined by this 805 application. Re-determination date: Date the family will need to make appointment to complete new 805. Voucher Certificate / Contract: Indicate if funding will be through voucher or child care contract.

#### Other Services Section F:

After determine.
This section will be used to document any referrals for other appropriate services need by family.
Write in others as appropriate. If no services were offered check NONE.

#### Provider sheet instructions:

COMPLETE THIS PAGE FOR EACH PROVIDER the family is using at the time of application or when the family is changing child care providers.

NOTE: Parent or provider will complete the unshaded aread / Voucher agent will complete shaded areas.

#### Section G: Provider Information

- Name of provider
- Telephone number where care is being provided.
- 3. Social Security Number or Employer Identification Number of provider.
- 4. Name of business or child care facility if other than name of provider.
- Address of LOCATION OF CARE / mailing address.
- 6. City of location / mailing address
- Zip code of location. If the provider is out-of-state, indicate this in this square.
- 8. County where care is located.
- Type of care. From the code list in the box, place the number on the line that fits the description of the care facility / provider.
- License or Registration Number / capacity number / number of sites for licensed or registered providers.
- 11. For Legally-Licensed Exempt home providers only: Date of birth / Age / Relationship to child, if any, of exempt provider.
- This space can be used by the agency / provider to add additional information.

#### Section H: Child Care Needs / Expenses: Place family surname on line provided.

- Name of each child in need of child care assistance.
- Y / N for showing Proof of Special Needs: Documentation of Special Needs required (Children with Special Health Care Services / First Steps / Special Education in Public School / Supplemental Security Income / Head Start enrolment for professionally diagnosed children with disabilities) See manual for further clarification.
- Place any additional costs associated with the special needs here (10% allowable over Market Rate).
- Total hours needed per week based on service need.
- 5. Place the number of hours per day and the number of days per week of service need for each child.
- Actual charge per service need established.
- 7. Indicate the county market rate in the column that fits the service need for each child.
- Indicate any overcharge the family will be responsible for (6-7 = 8: Charges minus Market Rate).
- Indicate the family co-pay per pay / week (see \* at bottom of table of 805).
- 10. Actual child care subsidy using the formula at the \*\* bottom of the table on the 805.
- Identify funding source # to be used for each child using the \*\*\* at bottom of table on the 805.

Signature of the provider and date is required.

Shaded box to be completed by Voucher Agent:

<u>Date To Meet Minimum Standards</u>: If your county has implemented Minimum Standards, indicate the date this provider has to complete them.

<u>Date For Provider Re-Certification</u>: Providers must be re-certified at least annualy. Recert date may be the license, registration, or minimum standards must be renewed.



S. 20.	SECTION A - Child Care Services an						re hereby requested by or on behalf of Applicant (Head of Family)													
		TATION FO m 46513 (R6 / 7-10)		CARESE	ERVICES	Name of applicant (last name, first name, middle initial)														
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		lembers - Complete sure to complete ALL			family on Inst		Shoot 1	5.	6	7. Recipient s Indentification	8.			10. Ethnic	CI		11. Rac or N In	EACH		12. Adult
Last Name		1. First Name	M.L	2. Date of Birth	3. Cltizen?/ Qualified Allen		dial to an	ationship applicant		Number/ Social Security	Hoos	ler T/	9. ANF?	Hispanic or Latino?	1	2	odes b	4	5	Service Need Code+
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SECTION C	- Family I ne for chic	ncome and Size - dren under 18 year	List the incor	me received (i	n the last 30 rted.	days) by	family me	mbers li	ving in y	our household.		IAL / E'		C CODE			VICE NI (Sect. I		DDE	
1.	Name of	Person Receiving	Money				Gross Income 3. Income Source Code(s) (see codes)++			American Indian /     Alaskan Native				Employment / On The Job Training     Training / Education						
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SECTION D - Education level of all adult members including begin/end dates for all those attending school / education / preschool										
1. Name (test, first, M.L.)	2. Highest grade completed	3. Highest degree attained	4. Start date (month, day, year)	5. End date (month, day, year)	6. Receiving preschool services through child care program?					
					□Yes □No					
					Yes No					
					□Yes □No					
					□Yes □No					
					□Yes □No					
SECTION E - Signature	•	·								
I understand and hereby certify by my signal	ture below:									
that all the above information, provi	ded by me, is true and correct to the	best of my knowledge.								
that I may be requested to verify th any statements.	that I may be requested to verify these statements and give my consent to the agency, from where I am requesting services, to make any necessary contacts to verify any statements.									
	at is fair and does not discriminate. I of a physical, mental, or emotional co	will not be treated differently because andition.	e of color, race, national	origin, religion, sex,	age, political					
that I must report changes to the vo	oucher agent within ten (10) calendar	r days.								
that the information I have given is	private and cannot be seen by the p	ublic.								
that this program is not an entitleme	ent and, therefore, I may be placed of	on a waiting list.								
that as a custodial, single TANF die	ent, I will not receive penalties assoc	stated with work requirements if I can	not obtain child care for	my children under 6	years of age.					
that failure to pay any child care co	-pay could result in my family being	terminated from this funding assistan	10e.							
that if I fail to use my child care ass	istance within 60 days, it will be void	led.								
my Rights and Obligations and hav	e received a copy of them at the time	e of application.								
that if I receive CCDF benefits to w agreement by the State with a mon	hich I am <u>not</u> entitled, for whatever in thiy payment option.	eason, I shall be required to repay th	e State such amounts ar	nd I will be offered a	repayment					
Signature of applicant	Date (month, day, year)	or TANF referral date (month, day, year)	Signature of agency		Date (month, day, year)					
Original date of application (month, day, year)	Date child care subsidy begins	Date child care subsidy ends	Name of agency		•					
Eligibility determination date (month, day, year)		Re-determination date (month, day, year)								
SECTION F - Other Services Referred To										
Resource and Referral	☐ Information on Quality Child Care	Complaint Process / Po	licies	☐ Health/Safety Infor	mation					
Regulatory Information	Legal Child Care Information	Mass Media Info Sites		Subsidy Informatio	n					
Other	None									

#### Complete this page for the Provider Information. WHEN CHANGING PROVIDERS, only this page will need to be completed.

SECTION G - Care Giver Information (Comple	te this section for	r each p	rovider. A	ttach	additio	nal s	heets	if ne	cessa	ry.)										
1. Name			2. Teleph	none n	umber				3. Social Security / Employer ID number					ber	4. Doing Business As					
	(	( )																		
<ol><li>Address (number and street required; PO Bo</li></ol>	ox is optional)	6. City					7	7. ZIP	code						8. Co	ınty				
							, II	N												
9. Type of Care			10. If Licen	sed / F	Registe	red			11.	If Legs	ally Lic	cense	-exemp	ot Hom	ne			12. N	otes	
#1. Licensed / Regulated family care  License #			icense / Registration number (must provide copy)					Date of birth				-								
4. Legally-exempt in-home care / 5. Legally-exempt family care / n 6. Legally-exempt family care / n	on-relative	Date for renewal				Age					-									
7. Legally-exempt center-based of	are														-					
8. Registered Ministry		Number	ofsites_					-												
SECTION H - Child Care Needs / Expenses for	r Family Name							_	Арр	licatio	n Dat	θ					_			
1. Child's Name							Fa Co	Family Child Care Subsidy Fund S Co-Pay (4 - 6 - 7 = 8)			9. Fund Source									
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																	-			
																	Н			
*FAMILY CO-PAY Based on Poverty Level. Use scale to determine.	Calculate the f	SUBSIDY PER WEEK the following: i) minus #6 (Over Rate) minus #7 (Co-Pay) equals #8 (						***FUND SOURCE CODES: 1. Child Care and 2. CCDF - School 3. Social Service 4. State School A 5. Preschool Pilo					hool Age ice Bloc ol Age C	Care k Grant are	Fund (CCDF)					
I affirm that the information given in	Sections G					is t	rue a	nd												
Signature of provider		Date (month, day, year)				Date to meet minimum standards (month, day, year)					rds	Date for provider re-certification (month, day, year)								

## **STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS** (v5-20-12)

(Self-Employment Form)

Applicant/Co-Applicant		Calendar Month					
Occupation	Business S	tart-Up Date					
	of your good	ds or service).	t/loss for the previous calendar month. Please You may consider any expense considered as purposes.				
	Revenue	Expense	Profit/Loss				
TOTAL REVENUE For the Previous Calendar Month:							
Expense:							
Expense:							
Expense:							
Expense:							
Expense:							
Expense:							
Expense:							
Expense:							
Expense:							
Expense:							
TOTAL EXPENSES							
Profit/Loss (Revenue – Expenses)*							
<b>PLEASE NOTE:</b> You must also provide a cop C has not been filed due to Business Start-Up I		form Schedule	e C for the previous tax year, unless a Schedule				
I am requesting hours per week of chi	ildcare to supp	ort my work a	activity.				
			and accurate representation of my income. I enue and expenses and agree to provide this				
Applicant Signature,			Date				
(If there is a co-applicant working in this bu	siness, compl	ete this sectio	on.)				
I am requesting hours per week of chi	ldcare to supp	ort my work a	activity.				
			and accurate representation of my income. I enue and expenses and agree to provide this				
Co- Applicant Signature,			Date				

## CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT FUND (CCDF) VOUCHER PROGRAM TIPPED EMPLOYEE WORKSHEET (v5-20-12)

Check Date: Clie	nt Name:		
The following wage categories are listed on my attac	ched paystub. Those	included in my gross	wages have been marked.
Description (List each wage/earnings category listed on your pay stub)	Hours Shown on Pay Stub	Included in my Gross	Amount
		Yes No	\$
Additional Self Declared Tips		YES	\$
TOTALS		(Internal Use ONLY)	\$
To determine gross wages, record the gre Amount Reported as gross or Total Hours x Mi		Minimum V Total Hours X Minimu	Vage Calculation m Wage = \$
Check Date:			
The following wage categories are listed on my attac	ched paystub. Those	included in my gross	wages have been marked.
Description (List each wage/earnings category listed on your pay stub)	Hours Shown on Pay Stub	Included in my Gross	Amount
on your pay study	1 ay Stub	Yes No	\$
		Yes No	\$
Additional Self Declared Tips		YES	\$
TOTALS		(Internal Use ONLY)	\$
To determine gross wages, record the gre Amount Reported as gross or Total Hours x Mi		Minimum V Total Hours X Minimu	Vage Calculation m Wage = \$
By my signature below, I confirm the information prounderstand my employer may be asked to provide admy consent for wage verification.  Applicant/Co-Applicant Signature	ditional information	supporting my declarat	ions above and provide
NOTE: Copies of your pay stubs <b>must</b> be include	ted with this form.		

## CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT FUND (CCDF) VOUCHER PROGRAM JOB SEARCH DOCUMENTATION (v5-20-12)

Applicant or C	Co-Applicant Name	Case Number
Last Date Wor	orked or Attending School	
	Please read an initial each of the following statements of your understanding of the job search requiren	
	I understand I am eligible for a maximum of thirteen (13) weeks of become unemployed or withdraw from an educational program. previous authorized child care amounts and may not be increased.	
	I understand I may be required to provide proof of my job searc documentation of these activities.	h activities, and therefore, agree to maintain
	I understand childcare services provided during job search are depend I understand my failure to complete these activities may result in my behalf.	
I plan on particij	ipating in the following activities to obtain employment:	
	Employment workshops	
	Job clubs or job fairs	
	Researching job opportunities in the classified ads or other publication	ns, including internet research
	Face to face contacts with potential employers	
	Completing job applications	
	Following up on job applications	
	Completing job interviews	
	Registering for work at an employment agency	
	Completing pre-employment requirements	
this date to revi	y job search assistance will end on I must on iew my employment status or my childcare will be terminated without e, I must contact the intake office and provide proof of employment with	t further notice. Should I obtain employment
Signed,	Date	
INCLUDE, IF I LAST I SIGNE TERM VERIF COPY IF IN SCHOOL DIPLO SIGNE	PAY STUB ED STATEMENT FORM EMPLOYER INCLUDING TERMINAT IINATION NOTICE FICATION OF CLAIM FOR UNEMPLOYMENT OF YOUR LETTER OF RESIGNATION OR BUSINESS/TRADE	TION DATE

PREVIOUS SEMESTERS GRADES OR TRANSCRIPT

## CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT FUND (CCDF) VOUCHER PROGRAM NAME ATTESTATION (v5-20-12)

Individual's Name	Applicant Co-Applicant							
The name above should be recorded as it appears on the CCDF Application (State Form 805)								
is also known as:								
List any other names, including those on documents provide	ed, the Applicant or Co-Applicant is using or has used.							
	(Printed Name)							
	(Printed Name)							
	(Printed Name)							
and that all names listed above are the same person.								
I hereby affirm, under the penalties of perjury, I an foregoing statement for myself and the same is true to	n the above named individual and I have personally prepared the the best of my knowledge and belief.							
Signature of Individual	Date							
NOTE: This document shall be used when the Ar	oplicant or Co-Applicant's name does not match all sources of							

verification information provided to the Intake Agent.

## CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT FUND (CCDF) VOUCHER PROGRAM CHILD SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE DECLARATION (v5-20-12)

Declare below, by child, the **average** amount of child support received **MONTHLY**, if received in the previous 30 days.

CHILD'S NAME	AMOUNT RECEIVED MONTHLY	FROM WHOM
1.	\$	
2	\$	
3.	\$	
4.	\$	
5.	\$	
6.	\$	
7.	\$	
8.	\$	
SPOUSAL/ABSENT PARENT HOUSEHOLD PAYMENT	\$	
	•	

By my signature below, I hereby certify all the information provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand I may be requested to verify this statement and give my consent to the agency from where I am requesting services to make any necessary contacts to verify any statement. I understand my deliberate failure or misrepresentation of any information in this statement may result in my inability to participate in the Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) Voucher Program.

Signature	Date

## CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT FUND (CCDF) VOUCHER PROGRAM HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION (v5-20-12)

By my signature below, I give consent to CCDF Intake Office listed below. This information		
Student (CCDF Applicant) Signature		
Printed Name	Date	
For High School Use Only:		
Student's Street Address:		
Student's City	Student's Zip Code	
Student's Current Grade Level	Anticipated Graduation Date	
Date Year Begins	Current Year Ends	
Student's School Day Begins	AM  PM Student's School Day Ends	□AM □PM
Check Days Attending: ☐ Monday ☐ Tuesd	ay □ Wednesday □ Thursday □ Friday	□ Saturday
School Name:		
School Address:		
Phone:		
Completed by:	Date	
Printed Name:	Title	

PLEASE RETURN FORM TO: Insert Intake Agency Name

Insert Intake Address

Insert Intake Phone / Fax Numbers

Please read and initial each statement if you agree to adhere to the policy.

Parent	Provider	
Initial	Initial	
	chi pai	is ineligible to receive CCDF payments when a 's parent/step-parent/guardian is employed by the provider and the parent/step-tt/guardian is responsible for his/her own child at any time while the child is in the care provider's care during the parent's work hours.
		p-parent/guardian MAY NOT be in the same
		or outdoor play area as the child who has an active CCDF voucher while the child the childcare provider's care during the parent's work hours.
I have read above state		statements. My signature on this form acknowledges my compliance with the
I attest that		will not have direct supervision, as stated above, of
his/her owi	(Parent Na n child during his/her wo	
Name of Fa	acility	Facility Owner/Director (Printed Name)
Parent's we	ork site address & license	
Child name	e(s)	
Child atten	ds site address/license #	
Child name	e(s)_	
Child atten	ds site address/license #	
Facility Ov	vner/Director Signature	Date
Parent Sign	nature	Date

## **DETERMINING CHILDCARE NEED**

EMPLOYMENT								
Applicant/Co-Applicant								
Employer								
Shift:	1 only	1 & 2	2	only				
Average Work Week Su M T W R F Sa								
Rec'd	Gross Wages	Hours	Rec'd	Gross Wages	Hours			
TOTAL			TOTAL					
Total Hours Worked in the Previous 30 Days								
÷ Number of Weeks Worked								
= Childcare Needed Per Week for Work								
+	Travel Time (10 hours for Childcare Need of 25 or more and 5 hours for less than 25)							
=	Total Childcare Need							

TRAINING/EDUCATION					
Applicant/Co-Applicant					
Organization/Institution					
Classroom Program Distance Learning					
Days Participating Su M T W R F Sa					
Credit Hours or Participation Hours					
+ Clinical/Practicum/Internship Hours					
= Subtotal Childcare Need					
+ Travel Time (10 hours for Subtotal Childcare Need of 25 or more and 5 hours for less than 25)					
+ Study Time (Not to exceed 2 hours per credit hour)					
OR					
+ Study Time (Not to exceed 2 hours per hour in class)					
= Total Childcare Need					

#### CCDF PARENT STATEMENT / RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

I understand the choice of caregiver is not only my choice, it is my responsibility.

I understand it is my responsibility to report any suspected child abuse and neglect to the proper authority and others have the same responsibility concerning my child/children.

I understand parents, step-parents or legal guardians will not be paid as caregivers for their own children.

I understand information concerning my family regarding the CCDF voucher program, and the services I receive, will be treated as confidential and will be used solely for the administration of the CCDF voucher program.

I understand reimbursement for my child's care will be made directly to the provider, unless the care is provided in my home by a non-resident, in which case the payment will be made directly to me. It is my responsibility to reimburse the provider for services rendered as well as any co-payments. I also understand it is my responsibility to withhold and make all applicable Internal Revenue Service (IRS) payments for my child care provider and for the end of the year reporting to the IRS.

I understand it is my responsibility to furnish the Intake Agent with complete and accurate information including, but not limited to, income and family composition. I understand I will be required to submit proof of information provided.

I understand subsidized child care will not begin until all forms are completed and I have received written notice from the Bureau of Child Care or their representative.

I understand I must report to the Intake Agent when my service need ends, my TANF status changes, my family composition changes, I move to a new address or I obtain a new phone number within ten (10) calendar days of the change and provide supporting documentation, if necessary.

I understand reporting changes to my DFR caseworker does NOT mean changes have been reported to CCDF.

I understand my deliberate failure or misrepresentation of information used to receive services for which I was ineligible will result in a demand for repayment and may also subject me to legal action or penalties.

I understand acceptance or denial of services may not exclude me from eligibility for financial assistance or participation in other programs administered by the Family and Social Service Administration.

I understand my right to file a written complaint if:

- I believe I have been discriminated against because of race, color, age, sex, religion, disability, national origin, or ancestry; or
- My application for services was not promptly acted upon; or
- I disagree with an action taken regarding my eligibility.

I agree to discuss complaints first with my service provider and/or intake agent to resolve the problem through informal means. If the problem is not resolved, I understand the intake agent will provide procedures regarding the appeal process.

I understand I may be asked to cooperate with state and/or federal personnel in any audit or quality assurance review. I further understand my failure to cooperate may result in termination from the program.

I understand I will be required to electronically document my child/children's attendance information. <u>I will only utilize my Hoosier Works for Child Care card to document attendance when it truly reflects the care provided.</u>

I understand I may not leave my Hoosier Works for Child Care card with my child care provider. I agree to keep my Personal Identification Number (PIN) confidential. I understand failure to comply with this may result in termination of my child care benefits.

I understand personal day claims are to be used at my discretion for days when the provider was open for business and my child/children were scheduled to attend but did not attend any part of the day.

I understand I <u>must</u> apply for child care assistance in my county of residence and if I move from that county my assistance will be terminated and I will be subject to the waiting list, if any, in my new county of residence.

I understand I must initiate a provider change by submitting a complete and current Provider Information Page to the CCDF Intake Office no later than noon the day prior to the last business day of the week.

I understand my child care may be terminated for any of the following reasons:

- Requesting more than three (3) provider changes in a twelve (12) month period;
- Allowing another person to use my Hoosier Works for Child Care card to document attendance;
- Failing to electronically document my child/children's attendance; and/or
- Failing to pay my co-payment.

I understand my child care will be terminated for any of the following reasons:

- My child is not a U.S. citizen, qualified alien, and/or resident of the county and/or state;
- I fail to complete required CCDF enrollment paperwork;
- I am no longer employed, in a training or education program, or a TANF IMPACT approved activity;
- I have been convicted of welfare fraud;
- My child turns 13 or 18 for a child with documented special needs;
- I deliberately fail to report loss of service need or change in family composition;
- I falsify any required documentation;
- My locally determined subsidy period expires;
- I have been convicted of CCDF fraud;
- I fail to honor a CCDF repayment agreement; and/or
- My child/children's voucher(s) have been inactive for sixty (60) days.

I understand my child care provider may be decertified and child care reimbursement may be suspended or stopped for my child care provider's failure to comply with any of the following provisions:

- A substantiated health or safety hazard;
- Threatening behavior;
- False information on any form connected with the CCDF program;
- Being under investigation for fraud;
- A pending abuse or neglect charge against the provider, existing employee of the provider, or a member of the provider's household if care is provided in the their home;
- The death of a child while in the provider's care; and/or
- Illegally operating a home or facility.

I understand reimbursement will be stopped and my provider will be de-certified for any of the following:

- A conviction or substantiated abuse or neglect charge against the caregiver indicating harmful behavior to children;
- Substantiated fraud in the receipt of government funds;
- Loss of licensure or registration when required by Indiana law;
- Proven forgery of signatures on any forms:
- and/or
- dance.

<ul> <li>Failure to comply with CCDF Provider Eligibility Standards as</li> <li>Possession or use of Hoosier Works for Child Care cards for th</li> </ul>	,
Signature of Parent	Date Signed
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### HOOSIER WORKS FOR CHILD CARE CARD AUTHORIZATION APPLICANT AND CO-APPLICANT CARD HOLDERS

Case Name	Case Number				
Co-Applicant Cardholder Name					
Reason for Issuance (A) Ne	w Applicant   Applicant	□ Co-Applicant			
(check all that apply) (B) Rep	lacement   Lost/stolen   I	Not working   Other	-		
<ul> <li>I understand I may not a         Child Care card to author         I understand a provider of the me to violate this policy</li> <li>Exceptions to this policy</li> </ul>	o its use.  allow anyone, including my corize electronic attendance transhould never attempt to force at the should immediately report it to will only be accepted with we	me to violate this policy. If a provider do the Local Intake Agent for referral to tritten documentation from the Bureau of	Hoosier Works for oes attempt to force he state. Child Care.		
Failure to follow the above polic including termination from the C		on taken against me and/or my child care fund (CCDF) voucher program.	provider, up to and		
☐ I have received	the HOOSIER WORKS FOR	CHILD CARE CARD.			
☐ My card will be	mailed, when my application	is processed if I have valid vouchers			
Applicant or Co-Applicant Signa	nture	Date			
FOR OFFICE U  16 Digit Card Number		CARD USAGE TRAINING  Video and verbal/written  Verbal/written only			

Issuing staff \_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### HOOSIER WORKS FOR CHILD CARE CARD AUTHORIZATION AUTHORIZED USER

Case Name	Case Number					
The Individu	ual below is approve	d to receive a HO	OOSIER WORKS FOR CHIL	LD CARE CARD.		
First Name	MI	Last Name	D	OB		
Address	lress Phone					
	· ·		□ Not working □ Other ionship to Applicant			
Type of ID seen(One picture ID o	or two other forms of	ID, one of whic	h must contain a signature)			
understand the policies re  I understand I ma Child Care card t  I understand a pre me to violate this	elated to its use.  ay not allow anyone, to authorize electronic ovider should never a policy, I shall imme	, including my c c attendance tran attempt to force diately report it	hild care provider, to possess sactions for child(ren).			
child care provider, up program.	to and including ter	rmination from		nt and Co-Applicant and/or the pment Fund (CCDF) voucher		
☐ My card	will be mailed, when	n my application	is processed if I have valid vo	ouchers		
Cardholder Signature			Date			
AUTHORIZATION FO	R AN AUTHORIZ	ED USER				
user for my HOOSIER representative and as suc	WORKS FOR CHII h I am responsible fo	LD CARE CAR or attendance do	D. I acknowledge the use cumented by my authorized use	be designated as an authorized r of this card is acting as my user, even if such attendance is written notification to the local		
Applicant Signature			Date			
FOR OFFICE U	ISE ONLY		CARD USAGE TRAINING			
16 Digit Card Number (Or a copy of the from	nt of the HW card issued.)		Video & verbal/written			
Issuing Staff	Date Verbal/written only					

### Child Care Development Fund Data Change Request Form

Effective: 6/21/2010

Case#		Seq#			Appli	cant Name					
County					Requ	ested By :					
Nature	of Change:	Enter x	in one or mo	re of	the 8 choices	below					
1) Vouch	ner change (v	verify no swipe ac	tivity or pmt.)			5) Monitorin	g Correction	is (income, ina	ctive se	quence	changes, etc.)
2) Subsidy Begin/End dates: Enter dat					6) Custody;	Catastrophi	c; Split apps; F	oster/Ac	doption:	Move to Partials	
3) Additional voucher for diff in subsidy amount owed "You must follow procedures for emergency requests so that there is no overlap in serv					is no overlap in service.						
* if there is already swipe activity 7) New voucher where partial payment was made due to age grou					to age group error						
4) Creat	4) Create a new voucher (gap in service, or add to receive service) 8) Other (be specific in Justification section)										
Is this request for a Contract Center (Title XX) case?>>> yes/no											
	Justification of Change: Please explain how or why the error occurred and exactly what you would like corrected										
						¬ .					
			Subs	- T		_	-	nt of all <b>new</b> vo			
			Existing Subs			_	-	nt of any <b>old</b> v	ouchers	i (if the	y are being replaced
			Weeks affec	-		< weeks					
		Total	Financial Imp	oact:	\$ -	_< Autom	atic calcula	ition of Financ	ial Impa	act.	
NEW v	oucher Det	tails:				NEW v	oucher De	etails:			
Child Name	!					Child Name	)				
Voucher Da	ites					Voucher Da					
Provider Na	me					Provider Na	ime				
Prov. Street	t Address					Prov. Street					
Provider Ch	•	Week		Day	Hr	Provider Ch	_	Wee		Day	Hr
Service Hou	_	Hrs Per		[	Days Per Wk	Service Hou	ırs	Hrs F	Per Day		Days per Wk
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Shift (1, 2, o			Pre-School	Y/N		Shift (1, 2,			Pre-	School	Y/N
	oucher Det	ails:					oucher Det	ails:			
Child Name						Child Name					
Voucher Da						Voucher Dat					
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NEW v	oucher Det	ails:				NEW v	oucher Det	ails:			
Child Name						Child Name					
Voucher Da	ites					Voucher Dat	tes				
Provider Na	me					Provider Nar	ne				
Prov. Street	Address					Prov. Street	Address				
Provider Cha	arges	Week	Da	ay	Hr	Provider Cha	arges	Week		Day	Hr
Service Hou	ırs	Hrs Per	Day		ays Per Wk	Service Hou	rs	Hrs P	er Day		Days per Wk
Age Group	infant, toddler, 3)	/4/5, kinder, school age	, school other)			Age Group (	infant, toddler, 3	/4/5, kinder, school	age, schoc	ol other)	
Shift (1, 2, d	or 1&2)		Pre-School Y	Y/N		Shift (1, 2, o	r 1&2)		Pre-S	chool Y	//N

# NON-COMPLIANCE & REPAYMENT FORMS

## CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT FUND (CCDF) CHILD CARE VOUCHER PROGRAM Parent Non-Compliance Form (v10-1-11)

Intake Agency & Agent Name:	Date:
Parent Name(s):	
Street Address:	City, State, Zip Code:
Social Security Number / RID Number:	AIS Case Number, if applicable:
Nature of non-compliance, i.e. failure to report che improper payment for personal day, etc	ange in household size, failure to report loss of service need, card found in provider's possession,
Attack additional manage if a consequence Alexandra	
	e attach documentation which supports the non-compliance determination, if any.
Did the above non-compliance result in ar	n overpayment?
PARENT AFFIRMATION SECTION  By my signature below, I acknowledge this not acknowledge this not acknowledge this not acknowledge this not acknowledge.   ✓ Repayment Appeal Procedures, if a  ✓ A copy of this completed Parent Not  ✓ A copy of my signed Parent Rights a	n-Compliance Form
I agree to abide by all CCDF Policies. I unbenefits.	derstand future CCDF policy non-compliance may result in the termination of my child care
Parent was not present. All attachments were	e mailed. Intake Name and Date
Signed:	Dated:

#### This letter is to accompany any Parent Repayment Agreement.

NOTE: Prepare on agency letterhead

Date

Applicant Name Applicant Street Applicant City, State Zip Code

Dear Applicant;

A review of your case has resulted in a finding of non-compliance with your CCDF Parent Obligations as stated on the enclosed Parent Non-Compliance form. Additionally, this non-compliance resulted in child care benefits paid for care provided to your child(ren) which were ineligible due to the non-compliance. Therefore, the Family and Social Service Administration (FSSA) is seeking repayment as stated on the enclosed is a CCDF Parent Repayment form.

On the enclosed CCDF Parent Repayment Form, please indicate if you would like to make a lump sum payment or prefer to make the stated monthly payment until the balance owed is paid in full. Then sign the form and return it to the address listed on the form. Directions for submitting your payment are included on this form as well.

If you do not agree with this repayment determination, steps for appealing the decision are also enclosed.

Failure to successfully appeal or to make repayment in full will result in FSSA taking any and all available means of collection, including but not limited to tax intercept.

Sincerely,

Insert Agency Name Here

## CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT FUND (CCDF) CHILD CARE VOUCHER PROGRAM PARENT REPAYMENT FORM (v10-1-11)

Intake Agency & Agent Name:	Date:				
Parent Name:					
Street Address:	City, State, Zip Code:				
Social Security Number / RID Number:	AIS Case Number, if applicable:				
Was a Non-Compliance form completed? Y	ES NO Was the Non-Compliance form signed by the parent? YES NO				
Amount of over-payment: per Fiscal Year	Service Period by Fiscal Year (10/1/xx – 9/30/xx)				
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	CCDF REPAYMENT AGREEMENT				
	Payment Options (Check only one)				
Payment in Full	☐ Minimum Monthly Payment (must begin within 30 days of signature)				
\$	(greater of \$50 or 3%) Monthly beginning				
CHECK OR MONEY ORDER SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO: <b>TREASURER, STATE OF INDIANA</b> AND MAILED TO: FSSA – FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT CCDF – MS 34 P.O. BOX 7128 INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46207-7128					
By my signature below, I acknowledge my o until the entire sum is fully paid.	bligation to repay this CCDF overpayment. I understand monthly payments must continue				
overpayment determination to be correct. Failure	dispute the overpayment within 30 calendar days from the date of this document deems the to repay a valid repayment agreement, including failure to make a monthly payment, may result in ditionally, the Division will use all othe appropriate means of collection to fullfill this debt.				
Signed:	Dated:				
This repayment agreement must signed and returned to: Insert Intake Name Insert Intake Address					
have been provided a copy of the Repayment Al the Repayment Appeal Procedures. My failure	greement with the determination of an overpayment and have opted to appeal this determination. I ppeal Procedures and understand I must file a written appeal within 30 calendar days according to to contest the overpayment within 30 calendar days form the date of this document deems the may result in my termination from the CCDF voucher program and other collection attempts as				
Signed:	Dated:				

## CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT FUND (CCDF) CHILD CARE VOUCHER PROGRAM INTAKE CASE NARRATIVE FORM (rev 12/11/11)

Intake Agency & Agent Name:	Date:
Parent Name(s):	AIS Case Number & County
Nature of non-compliance, i.e. failure to report change in improper payment for personal day, etc	n household size, failure to report loss of service need, card found in provider's possession,
Case Narrative, i.e. When 10 day notice was sent, if any payment determination should be noted in the case narr	y. How attached information was collected, if any. Any other relevant facts related to the over- rative.
Were case notes documented in AIS? — YES	i □ NO

### CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT FUND (CCDF) CHILD CARE VOUCHER PROGRAM REPAYMENT APPEAL (v10-1-11)

You have the right to appeal any non-compliance determination resulting in the repayment of CCDF benefits. If you wish to appeal a determination, please complete this form, attach all relevant supporting documentation and mail to:

Indiana Family and Social Services Administration Attn: Child Care Administrator, Bureau of Child Care 402 West Washington Street, W-361, MS-02 Indianapolis, IN 46204-2739

YOUR APPEAL MUST BE RECEIVED WITHIN 30 CALENDAR DAYS OF THE DATE OF THE CCDF REPAYMENT FORM TO BE CONSIDERED. FAILURE TO SUBMIT AN APPEAL TIMELY DEEMS THE OVERPAYMENT DETERMINATION TO BE VALID.

□ Parent	Name:	F	Phone:				
Provider Street Address:		Oit Otata Zin Oada					
Street Address:		City, State, Zip Code:					
Name Intake (CCD	Name Intake (CCDF Voucher) Agency who made the determination:  County:						
Please detail why y	ou feel this determination is unjust. You must submit	any relevant documentation to suppo	ort your claim.				
You must attach	n copies of the following to your appeal: DO N	IOT SEND ODICINAL DOCUMENTS					
	of Parent or Provider Non-Compliance Form		Agency				
	of Parent or Provider Repayment Form you h		JJ				
☐ Any othe	er relevant documentation to support your ca						
Signature:			Date:				

# TANF IMPACT REFERRAL FORMS



Name of parent (/ast, first, middle)	Telephone number		Case number	
	( )			
Address (number and street, dty, state, and ZIP code)				
Please attach the following ICES screens with the referral form:				
	IQAE (Benefit for last thirty (	201 days)	□w	DA 4
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### **ICES Self-Employment Screen**

Below is a list of additional self-employment income and expense codes. To determine income, first determine if the code represents receipt of income or incurred expense. If applicable, deduct any expenses from income to determine the client's income.

#### **Income Codes**

**BM** – income from boarder for meals

**BR** – income from boarder for room

**LI** – land contract – interest

**LP** – land contract – principal

**OI** – other income

PM / PS – plan for self-support

RN – rent

**RO** – income from roomer

**SC** – sale of crops

 $\underline{SM}$  – sale of merchandise/goods/products

**SS** – provision of service

#### **Expense Codes**

**AD** – advertising

**BT** – business taxes

<u>**DP**</u> – depreciation on property/equipment

**EB** – employee's benefits

ES – employer's FICA share

**EW** – employee's wages

**FS** – farm supplies

 $\underline{GO}$  – gas and oil

IL – interest on loan

**IM** – interest on mortgage

**IN** – insurance on property/equipment

LC - lawn care

 $\underline{LE}$  – legal fees

<u>LF</u> – license/fees

ME - food/meals for boarder

MI - mileage

OA – other IRS allowable expenses

**OE** – other allowable expenses – other programs

**OS** – office supplies

**PO** - postage

**PR** – principle on mortgage

**PT** – property taxes

**RB** – rent for buildings

**RM** – cost of raw materials

**RP** – repairs/maintenance of property

**RQ** – rent for machinery/equipment

**RT** – rent for property

**SN** – snow removal

**ST** – cost of stock/supplies/inventory

TB - tools

<u>TE</u> – travel expenses

**TF** – tax preparation fees

**TH** – trash removal

**UT** - utilities

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### AEFUI CODE DESCRIPTIONS ICES

ICES CODE	CODE DESCRIPTION
AA	Adoption Assistance
AL	Spousal Support
ALIN	Unassigned Spousal Support
BL	Black Lung Benefit
CHAA	Adjudicated Arrears Child Support
CHDI	Direct Payment – Child Support
CHIN	Unassigned Child Support
CHPT	Pass through Payment from IV
CHPX	Excess Payment form IV
CHPZ	Child Support - \$0 TANF Grant
CHSD	System Direct Child Support form IV
CHTP	Child Support from Child not in Case
CHAU	Unadjudicated Arrears Payment
DB	Disability/Sick Benefits
DV	Dividends
DVLI	Life Insurance Dividend
FC	Foster Care Payment
GR	German Reparation Pay
IN	Interest Income
INID	Interest Inc Earned from Individual
MA	Military Allotment
MOCO	Contribution from Not-for-Profit Organization
MOCP	Contribution from Person / For Profit Organization
ON	Other Non-Exempt
PM	Plan for Self Support – Medicare/SSI
PS	Plan for Self Support – SSI Only
RP	Retirement / Pension
RR	Railroad Benefits
SI	Supplemental Social Security
SS	Social Security
ST	Strike Benefit
TC	Tax Credit
TF	Trust Fund
UI	Unemployment
UISP	Unemployment – ARRA Payment
VAPN	Veteran's Benefits
VASB	VA Spina Bifida Allowance
VAVA	VA Benefite other than personal need
WC	Workman's Comp

10/08/09 13:12 ASSISTANCE GROUP ELIGIBILITY HISTORY **IQAE** 430 CAT SEQ CASELOAD WORKER STATUS CASE **COUNTY OPEN** 02 ADCR 01 PAYEE: \*--AUTHORIZED--\* \*--ELIGIBILITY--\* \*AG\* \*-ELIG STATUS-\* EDBC BNFT/S-L-P RECOUP DATE BEGIN END (STAT) RSN NONFIN RES FIN TYPE (AMOUNT) **AMOUNT** AUTH 10/01/96 09/30/96 CLOS 585 PASS PASS PASS REC 346.00 0.00 09/16/96 08/01/96 09/30/96 OPEN 569 PASS PASS PASS REC 315.00 0.00 07/23/96 08/01/96 07/31/96 OPEN 569 PASS PASS PASS REC 315.00 0.00 07/01/96 06/01/96 07/31/96 OPEN PASS PASS PASS REC 405.00 0.00 04/30/96 04/01/96 05/31/96 OPEN PASS PASS PASS REC 405.00 0.00 03/19/96 04/01/96 03/31/96 OPEN PASS PASS PASS REC 405.00 0.00 03/18/96 PF KEYS: 15: IQCP 16: IQAP 17: IQAM **NEXT TRAN:** PARMS: 1002189965/ADCR/01 MORE

**IQCM** 

CASE MEMBERS HISTORY

10/08/09 13:15

COUNTY CASE NBR CASELOAD WORKER STATUS OPEN

**JANE** 

FIRST NAME

1023456789

M DOE

SUF DOB S R SSN ST INDIV NUM MI LAST NAME 01/01/1988 999-99-999 100123456789

ENTER SELECTION NUMBER	

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# NOTIFICATION LETTERS

### Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) Voucher Program NOTICE OF ADVERSE ACTION

Date of Notice:

Due Date: (insert date 10 days from date of notice)

Applicant Name Applicant Address Applicant City, State and Zip

A review of your case has resulted in a request for additional documentation. To remain an active participant in the CCDF Program, the documentation listed below must be received *in the office* before close of business on the due date stated above. Failure to provide the requested information will result in termination of your child care services without further notice.

Provider Information Page completed by your provider
Proof of Birth for
Proof of Residency which includes your name, street address, city and/or zip code
Employment Verification
School Schedule which includes your name, school name, semester begin and end dates and credit or participation hours
Completed and signed Job Search Documentation Form including appropriate proof of last day worked or attending school as stated on the form
Other: (insert detailed description of documentation needed.)

If you have any questions regarding this matter or wish to confirm receipt or your information, please contact (insert contact information). Your child care will be terminated if the requested documentation is not received timely.

This letter is to be used to notify CCDF provider's that a parent/applicant is at risk of losing their CCDF eligibility.

NOTE: Prepare on agency letterhead.

Date

Provider Name Street Address City, State, Zip Code

Dear Provider:

RE: (Insert parent name) (Insert children's names)

This letter is to provide notification that the parent/applicant listed above is at risk of losing their CCDF eligibility for failure to comply with program guidelines. Please be advised the parent/applicant's childcare benefits will end ten (10) days from the date of this letter if the parent fails to document compliance. If the parent demonstrates compliance, the child(ren)'s voucher(s) will be reinstated.

If you have any questions regarding the parent's responsibilities to document compliance, they must be addressed with the parent. If you have questions about the status of the child(ren)'s vouchers, you may view the vouchers at <a href="https://www.hoosierchildcare.com">www.hoosierchildcare.com</a> or contact our local intake office at (insert agency phone number).

Sincerely,

(Insert Agent Name) (Insert Agency Name)

CC: Client File

This form letter is to be used to notify CCDF parent's their child care provider is no longer eligible for the CCDF program.
NOTE: Prepare on agency letterhead
Po-t-
Date
Name Street Address City, State Zip
Dear Parent:
Re: Provider's Name Provider's Address
You are hereby notified that the Division of Family Resources has denied or revoked your provider's participation in the Child Care Development Fund ("CCDF") Program. Your provider will not be eligible for reimbursement for child care services after (insert effective date of provider's order).
To remain an active participant in the CCDF Program, you must select an eligible provider. If you need assistance locating alternate child care, please contact the Child Care Resource and Referral at (insert CCRR contact information). If a provider change has not been completed by (insert effective date of provider's order), your child care voucher will terminated.
If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact (insert agency contact information).
Sincerely,
Name of individual signing letter Title

Provider

File

Cc:

# SAMPLE PROVIDER NOTICE OF ORDER LETTERS

This letter is a sample of the notification letter provided when the Division of Family Resources has issued a Notice of Order indicating the provider is no longer compliant with CCDF Provider Eligibility Standards. IMMEDIATE ACTION is required.

Date

Name Address City State

RE: Notice of Order

(County Name)

Dear Provider Name:

You are hereby notified that the Division of Family Resources has revoked your ability to participate as a child care provider in the Child Care Development Fund ("CCDF") Program. This order shall become effective \_\_(18 days)\_\_\_\_.

The denial is based on your lack of compliance with the CCDF provider eligibility standards found in Indiana Code 12-17.2-3.5 et seq. You failed to maintain compliance with the following standard(s):

Indiana Code (IC) XXXXX

State code

State finding

If you object to the order you are entitled to file a written request with the Division of Family Resources prior to the effective date of this order. The written request must state that you are the person to whom this order is directed; that you are negatively affected by the order, and that you are entitled to review of the order. Your request should be directed to the address below.

MS02 Supervisor's Name Family and Social Services Administration Division of Family Resources 402 W. Washington Street, Room W-386 Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2739

If parent or guardians of children in your care need assistance location alternate childcare, please contact the Indiana Association of Child Care Resource and Referral at 800-299-1627.

PLEASE NOTE: This action only effects your ability to receive CCDF voucher payment and does not impact your ability to legally provide childcare. If you have questions regarding why this action has been taken please contact your local Child Care Resource and Referral.

Sincerely,

Child Care Administrator Division of Family Resources This letter is a sample of the notification letter provided when the Division of Family Resources has issued an order to rescind a prior order when a gap in eligibility exists.

Date

Name Address City, State

RE: Notice of Order (County Name)

Dear Provider Name:

You are hereby notified that the Division of Family Resources is rescinding the Notice of Order issued on \_\_\_(date of original letter)\_\_\_. You will be able to resume participation as a child care provider in the Child Care Development Fund ("CCDF") Program on \_\_\_(enter date of this letter)\_\_\_.

This decision is based on information provided demonstrating that you are now in compliance with the CCDF provider eligibility standards found in Indiana Code 12-17.2-3.5 et seq. To remain an eligible provider, you must maintain compliance with the CCDF provider eligibility standards. Failure to maintain compliance shall result in your inability to participate as a CCDF provider.

PLEASE NOTE: This action only affects your ability to receive CCDF voucher payment and does not impact your ability to legally provide childcare.

Sincerely,

Child Care Administrator Bureau of Child Care

Cc Appropriate Supervisor CCDF Intake/Voucher Agent PES Verifying Agency CCDF Program Consultant BCC Technical Support File This letter is a sample of the notification letter provided when the Division of Family Resources has issued an order to rescind a prior order.

Date

Name Address City, State

RE: Notice of Order

(County Name)

Dear Provider Name:

You are hereby notified that the Division of Family Resources is rescinding the Notice of Order issued on \_\_\_(date of original letter)\_\_\_. You will be able to continue to participate as a child care provider in the Child Care Development Fund ("CCDF") Program

This decision is based on information provided demonstrating that you are now in compliance with the CCDF provider eligibility standards found in Indiana Code 12-17.2-3,5 et seq. To remain an eligible provider, you must maintain compliance with the CCDF provider eligibility standards. Failure to maintain compliance shall result in your inability to participate as a CCDF provider.

PLEASE NOTE: This action only effects your ability to receive CCDF voucher payment and does not impact your ability to legally provide childcare.

Sincerely,

Child Care Administrator Bureau of Child Care

Cc Appropriate Supervisor CCDF Intake/Voucher Agent PES Verifying Agency CCDF Program Consultant BCC Technical Support File

# HOOSIER WORKS FOR CHILD CARE INVENTORY FORMS

#### BULK HOOSIER WORKS OTC CARD INVENTORY FORM

(Dedicate a fresh sheet per order)

OFFICE NAME	OFFICE NAME AND ADDRESS:					
DATE ORDERE	ED: DATE	RECEIVED:	REQUESTED QUANT	ITY:		
SECTION 1:						
Starting Card Number (16 digits)	Ending Card Number (16 digits)	Original card order quantity	Number of damaged/missing cards in order (if any)	Balance	Initials	

#### SECTION 2:

	Beginning Balance (enter balance from Section 1)	Quantity of bulk cards removed	Date Removed	Removed By: (Full Name)	New Balance (carry to next entry)
1					
2					
3					
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15					

### HOOSIER WORKS CHILD CARE DAILY LOG FOR CARD ISSUANCE

CARD ISSUER'S NAME	DATE	
CARD ISSUER STAME	DATE	

	Date	Cardholder Name (Please print)	Signature, if available	Reason * (1, 2 or 3)	Card number (16-digit)	Issued by (Initials)
1						
2						
3						
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Card Issuer's Signatur	e			Date
Inventory Supervisor's	Signature			Date
Page	Reconciled	Yes	No	Cards not accounted for

\*Reason of over the counter (OTC)

1. New Card

2. Replacement

3. Authorized User

#### DAILY HOOSIER WORKS CARD INVENTORY RECONCILIATION FORM

		First Card Number	Last Card Number	Number of Hoosier Works cards**
1	Beginning			
2	Added from Bulk			
3	Available for Distribution			
4	Distributed			
5	Ending (Actual Count**) (Return cards to bulk/daily)			

- Line 1 Should be your beginning working balance of cards for the day. (Cards stored in safe separate from bulk)
- Line 2 Should be any cards that you received from the bulk inventory.
- Line 3 Is the total of lines 1 and 2.
- Line 4 Is what you issued.
- Line 5 \*\*Would be your ending balance. Use card listing to determine actual number of cards included. (Cards are returned to the bulk inventory safe, but stored separately.)

Card Issuer signature	Inventory Supervisor signature	Date and Office location

#### RETURNED HOOSIER WORKS FOR CHILD CARE CARD LOG

	Date card returned	Card number	Date client contact made	Date card picked up by client (if applicable)	Card issuer initials	Date card deactivated and destroyed	Card issuer initials	Client signature (if successful contact made and client picks up card)
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Complete an inquiry to determine client's name and check history to see if card has already been deactivated. Notify appropriate intake if the client's case is not your county.

#### VAULT CARD REPLENISHMENT ORDER FORM CRO PROJECT OFFICE

Fax: 317-234-1399

Quarterly Replenishme	ent Order Emerge	ency Order**
Number of cards remaining in	current regional inventory:	
Region Number and Name:		
Main Office Street Address:		
City	Zip Code_	
Phone/Fax Numbers:		
Originated By:		Date:
Email Address:		
Supervisor:		
Policy Consultant**:		
County Name:	Cards:	Tip Cards:
County Name:	Cards:	Tip Cards:
County Name:	Cards:	Tip Cards:
County Name:	Cards:	Tip Cards:
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Received By:		
Beginning Card Numbe	r from Replenishment Orde	er:
Ending Card Number fr	om Replenishment Order:	
Problems associated w	rith shipment? Explain:	
Supervisor Signature:		

# MONITORING FORMS & LETTERS

### **Appeal of Monitoring Error**

Agency Name: County: Case Name: Case Number :
Monitoring Error (list only one error per page):
Reason for Dispute of Error:
Section of the CCDF Policy and Procedure Manual that supports the appeal: (include language and page(s) number):
Supporting document(s) from original scanned documents to dispute error (must be attached):
<del></del>

(This letter will be sent by BCC to Intake for Monitoring errors on application signed after 2/27/2110)

Date Intake Agent 100 Some Where Street City, State, Zip

RE: Active Case File Errors

Attached is the monitoring summary report on active case files with errors for the week of 00/00/0000. The summary report is separated into the following categories:

- 1. Critical Case File Errors (\$20 reduction required)
- 2. Administrative Errors

Your agency will have <u>45 calendar days</u> to correct each error or terminate the case if the case is determined to be ineligible.

Cases that are found to be ineligible must be terminated. All monthly \$20 active case file payments for terminated cases will be required to be paid back.

Your agency has the right to <u>appeal</u> each \$20 case file reduction. The appeal timelines is as follows:

- 1. An appeal must be received, via an email to Scanning Help, by the Friday following the date of notice, not later than 12:00 p.m. EST;
- 2. Appeals must include all necessary documentation, the policy manual reference and any other relevant iustification;
- 3. BCC will approve or deny the appeal and notify the agency within 14 working days;
- 4. If an appeal is approved the \$20 reduction will not be required but the file may still need to be corrected within 45 days from the original date of notice;
- 5. If an appeal is denied, \$20 will be withheld and the file must be corrected or terminated if necessary.

If you have any questions in regards to any errors or the appeal process, please email Scanning Help. Thank you for your immediate attention to these important errors.

Sincerely,

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